AIRCRAFT

15	A-6 & A-7	Coral Sea & America Carrier Battle Groups
18	F-111F	RAF Lakenheath
3	EF-111	RAF Upper Heyford
12 9	KC-10 KC-135	RAF Mildenhall
5	KC-10 KC-135	RAF Fairford

LIBYA AIRSTRIKES - 14 APRIL 1986

MUNITIONS EXPENDED

F-111F strike aircraft:

2000-pound laser-guided bombs
500-pound high drag, gravity bombs

A-6E strike aircraft:

500-pound gravity bombs
750-pound gravity bombs

A-7 and F/A-18 SAM suppression aircraft:

HARM missiles
SHRIKE missiles

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Data on Aircraft Aborts

KC-10/KC-135 Tanker Support Aircraft

No aborts

EF-111 ECM Aircraft

No aborts

A-7 and F/A-18 SAM Suppression Aircraft

No aborts

F-111F Strike Aircraft

Five aborts*

- 3 systems degradation
- 2 cause not reported

A-6E Strike Aircraft

Two aborts*

- cause not reported

(*NOTE: Pilots were directed in advance to abort if any system was not working properly before they reached their assigned target areas.)

CHRONOLOGY

US OPERATIONS AGAINST LIBYA

14 APRIL 1986	
12:13 p.m. EST	28 KC-10/KC-135 commenced departure from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall.
12:36 p.m.	24 F-111s commenced departure from RAF Lakenheath and 5 EF-111s sortied from RAF Heyford. Four silent refuelings conducted enroute the target area.
	NOTE: The above totals include spare aircraft.
5:45-6:15 p.m.	USS AMERICA launched 6 A-6E strike and 6 A-7 strike support aircraft.
5:20-6:20 p.m.	USS CORAL SEA launched 8 A-6E strike and 6 F/A-18 strike support aircraft.
6:54 p.m.	Commenced ECM with EF-llls and SAM supression with A-7s and $F/A-18s$.
7:00 p.m.	Commenced simultaneous attacks on BENINA AIRFIELD and the BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS with 12 A-6Es and the AZIZIYAH BARRACKS-Tripoli and the SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP with 8 F-111s.
7:06-7:11 p.m.	5 F-111s conducted an attack on the TRIPOLI . MILITARY AIRPORT, the final target.
7:13 p.m.	All Navy strike aircraft confirmed "feet wet" (i.e. over the ocean, away from the libyan land mass) Unabl to confirm all USAF aircraft "feet wet".
7:15 p.m.	SAR Forces alerted to search for a possible missing aircraft.
7:46 p.m.	CORAL SEA strike aircraft back on deck.
7:53 p.m.	AMERICA strike and primary support aircraft back on deck.
8:14 p.m.	First return refueling confirms 1 F-111 missing.
10:16 p.m.	l F-111 returning to UK diverted to Rota, Spain with over-heated engine.
11:24 p.m.	Diverted F-111 reported safe on deck at Rota.
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3:10 a.m.	All aircraft (less the 1 F-111 reported missing and the diverted F-111 in Rota) reported safe on deck in the UK.
10:00 p.m.	SAR effort terminated. Negative result.
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F-111 which had diverted to Spain returned to RAF

5:01 p.m.

U.S. OPERATIONS AGAINST LIBYA - APRIL 14, 1986

AIRCRAFT STATISTICS

USAF Tanker Support Aircraft

KC-10s and KC-135s, launched from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall. (The original plan had called for 30 but only 28 were needed and only 28 were used.)

USAF ECM Aircraft

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5 EF-111s, launched from RAF Heyford. (Only three of these took part in the attack; one returned to Great Britain with the F-111F airborne spares cited below, and the other was held in reserve for use if needed.)

USAF Strike Aircraft

F-111Fs, launched from RAF Lakenheath. (Six of these were airborne spaces which returned to base as planned, after their initial refueling. The other lacked continued on; 13 of these attacked targets as designated in the attached chronology and 5 aborted.)

USN Strike Aircraft

A-6Es, launched from the USS AMERICA (6 aircraft) and CORAL SEA (8 aircraft). (Twelve of these attacked targets as designated in the attached chronology and two aborted.)

USN SAM (Surface-to-Air Missile) Suppression Aircraft

A-7s and F/A-18s, launched from the USS AMERICA
(6 A-7s) and USS CORAL SEA (6 F/A-18s). (All of these
attacked targets as designated in the attached
chronology.)

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Talking Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for Information

I. SUBJECT: US Operations Against Libya

A. CHRONOLOGY (EST)

14	APR	IL

- 1213 28 KC-10/KC-135 commenced departure from RAF Fairford and RAF Mildenhall.
- 1236

 24 F-111s commenced departure from RAF Lakenheath and 5 EF-111s sortied from RAF Heyford. Four silent refuelings conducted enroute the target area.

NOTE: The above totals (28 and 24) include spare a/c.

- 1745-1815 USS AMERICA launched 6 A-6E and strike support a/c.
- 1750-1820 USS CORAL SEA launched 8 A-6E strike a/c.
- 1854 Commenced ECM/SAM supression.
- 1900 Commenced simultaneous attacks on BENINA AIRFIELD, the BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS with 12 A-6Es and the AZIZIYAH BARRACKS-Tripoli and the SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP with 8 P-111s.
- 1906-1911 5 F-111s conducted an attack on the TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRPORT, the final target.
- 1913 All Navy strike a/c confirmed feet wet. Unable to confirm all USAF a/c feet wet.
- 1915 SAR Forces alerted to search for a possible missing a/c.
- 2146 CORAL SEA strike a/c back on deck.
- 2153 AMERICA strike and primary support a/c back on deck
- 2014 First return refueling confirms 1 F-111 missing.
- 2216 1 F-111 returning to UK diverted to Rota, Spain with over-heated engine.RTB Lakenheath 161501 EST
- 2324 Diverted F-111 safe on deck at Rota.

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- 0310 All a/c (less the 1 F-111 reported missing and the diverted F-111 in Rota) safe on deck in the UK.
- 2200 SAR effort terminated. Negative results.

B. TARGET INFORMATION

BENINA AIRFIELD.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike Information.
 - -- 8 aircraft launched from USS CORAL SEA 141750 (9 planned),
 - -- 6 arrived at target (5 with CBU-59 (APAM) each) and 1 with MK-82 each (500LB GP Bombs).
 - -- 2 aircraft aborted reasons unknown.
- Damage reports.
 - -- 1 F-27 (Friendship) destroyed.
 - -- 1 MIG-23 (Flogger) destroyed.
 - -- 5 MIG-23 (Flogger) probably destroyed.
 - -- 20 bomb craters on apron.
 - -- 2 M-8 (Hip) helicopters destroyed.
 - -- 1 M-8 (Hip) helicopter possibly destroyed.
 - -- Numerous buildings with small holes in sides and roof.
 - -- 12 "burn marks" indicating that 12 additional MIG-23s (Flogger) were destroyed and subsequently removed. Two pieces of heavy lift equipment were in evidence.
- . BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS.
- TOT: 141900.
- 6 A-6Es launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 with Mk-82s (500LB General Purpose Bomb) each.
- All aircraft on target.
- No aborts.
- Damage assessment.
 - -- Large storage building destroyed.
 - -- Some MIG-23 (Flogger) shipping crates destroyed.

AZIZIYAH BARRACKS, TRIPOLI.

- TOT: 141900.
- Strike information.
 - -- 9 aircraft launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - Guided Bomb) each. GBU-10's (2000LB Laser
 - ---- 3 aircraft on target.
 - ---- 1 aircraft dropped long.
 - --- l aircraft missing, crew remains in MIA status.
 - --- 4 aircraft aborted.
 - ---- 2 aborts for systems degradation.
 - ---- l abort prior to last refueling.
 - ---- 1 abort after last refueling.
- -- Damage reports.
 - --- Heavy damage to roof and front of headquarters building.
 - --- At least 14 craters in area.
 - --- Building across from French Embassy damaged.
 - --- No observable damage to French Embassy.
 - --- Battalion headquarters damaged.
- . SIDI BILAL.
- TOT: 141900.
- Strike information.
 - -- 3 F-111s with GBU-10s (2000LB Laser Guided Bomb) each launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - --- All aircraft on target.
 - --- No aborts.
 - -- Damage Assessment.
 - --- 3 buildings (Naval Academy) damaged.

TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRFIELD.

- TOT: 141906 141911.
- Strike information.
 - -- 6 F-111s launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - -- 5 arrived at target with BSU-49s (500LB high drag bombs) each.
 - -- l acft aborted for loss of terrain following radar.
- Damage reports (preliminary).
 - -- All bombs on target.
 - -- At least 3 to 5 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed.
 - -- Facility damage: To be determined.

C. MISCELLANEOUS INFORMATION.

- Suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD).
 - -- HARM (High-Speed Anti-Radiation Missile)
 - --- Tripoli targets:

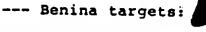


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- -- SHRIKE
 - --- Tripoli targets:





- LIBYAN SCUD FIRING.
 - -- At 151034, Libyans apparently fired 2 SCUD missiles at Lampedusa island (south of Sicily).
 - -- Island is the location of a long range area navigation (LORAN) station operated by approximately 35 US Coast Guard personnel.
 - -- Evacuation of 30 USCG personnel is complete with a skeleton crew of 5 USCG personnel remaining.

D. FORCES

- USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
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- USS AMERICA CVBG.
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USS TICONDEROGA (CG/AEGIS).
USS DALE (CG).
USS FARRAGUT (DDG).
USS KING (DDG).
USS HALYBURTON (FFG).
USS ALYWIN (FF).
USS PHARRIS (FF).
USS VREELAND (FF).
USS PETERSON (DD).
CARRIER AIR WING 1.
- 48th TAC Fighter Wing (Lakenheath).
F-111 (24).
- 20th TAC Fighter Wing (Upper Heyford).
EF-111 (5).
- Tanker Task Force (Fairford/Mildenhall).
KC-10 (19).
KC-135 (9).
E. PERSONNEL IDENTIFICATION
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U. S. AIR FORCE: 3RD AF IN USAFE

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F-111	48 TAC FTR WING	RAF LAKENHEATH	RAF LAKENHEATH
EF-111	20 TAC FTR WING	RAF UPPER HEYFORD	RAF UPPER HEYFOR
KC-10 & KC-135	STRATEGIC AIR COMMAND (EUROPEAN TANKER TA		RAF FAIRFORD & RAF MILDENHALL

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- 1. The attached proposed Talking Paper was prepared to provide a summary of the JCS SITREPs for use by CJCS for information.
- 2. Request approval and signature on attached proposed Talking Paper.

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Talking Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for Information

I. SUBJECT: 14 April US Strike Against Libya

A. Forces:

- USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
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 - -- USS PETERSON (DD).
 - -- CARRIER AIR WING 1.
- 48th TAC Fighter Wing (Lakenheath).
 - -- F-111 (24).
 - 20th TAC Fighter Wing (Upper Heyford).
 - -- EF-111 (5).
 - Tanker Task Force (Fairford/Mildenhall).
 - -- KC-10 (20) includes SR-71 support.
 - -- KC-135 (22) includes SR-71 support.

- B. Launch times.
 - USAF: 141236.
 - USS CORAL SEA (CVW-13): 141750.
 - USS AMERICA (CVW-1): 141745.
- C. Tripoli Military Airfield.
 - TOT: 141906 141911.
 - Strike information.
 - -- 6 F-111s launched 141236.
 - -- 5 arrived at target with BSU-49s (500LB high drag bombs) each.
 - -- 1 acft aborted for loss of terrain following radar.
 - Damage reports (preliminary).
 - -- All bombs on target.
 - -- At least 3 to 5 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed.
 - -- Facility damage: To be determined. Heavy cloud cover precludes further damage assessment.
- D. Benina Airfield.
 - TOT: 141900.
 - Strike Information.
 - -- 8 aircraft launched from USS CORAL SEA 141750 (9 planned),
 - -- 6 arrived at target (5 with CBU-59 (APAM) each) and 1 with MK-82 each (500LB GP Bombs).
 - -- 2 aircraft aborted reasons unknown.
 - Damage reports.
 - -- 1 F-27 (Friendship) destroyed.
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E. Aziziyah Barracks, Tripoli.

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 - --- Building across from French Embassy damaged.
 - --- No observable damage to French Embassy.
 - --- Battalion headquarters damaged.

- F. Benghazi Military Barracks.
 - TOT: 141900.
 - 6 A-6Es launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 with 16 Mk-82s (500LB General Purpose Bomb) each.
 - All aircraft on target.
 - No aborts.
 - Damage assessment (preliminary).
 - -- Large storage building destroyed.
 - -- Some MlG-23 (Flogger) shipping crates destroyed.
- G. Sidi Bilal.
 - TOT: 141900.
 - Strike information.
 - -- 3 F-111s with GBU-10s (2000LB Laser Guided Bomb) each launched from Lakenheath at 141236.
 - --- All aircraft at target.
 - --- No aborts.
 - -- Damage Assessment (preliminary).
 - --- 3 buildings (Naval Academy) damaged.
- H. Miscellaneous information.
 - Suppression of enemy air defense (SEAD).
 - -- HARM
 - --- Tripoli targets:



--- Benina targets:



- -- SHRIKE
 - --- Tripoli targets:



--- Benina targets:



- Recovery.
 - -- F-111 diverted to Rota, SP, for mechanical problems. It was escorted by an additional F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to Lakenheath. The divert aircraft is in a hangar awaiting repair.

- -- 150310: USAF aircraft completed recovery.
- SAR.
 - -- Terminated 151745.
 - -- Forces:
- Libyan SCUD firing.
 - -- At 151034, Libyans apparently fired 2 SCUD missiles at Lampedusa island (south of Sicily).
 - -- Island is the location of a long range area navigation (LORAN) station operated by approximately 35 US Coast Guard personnel.
 - -- Evacuation of 30 USCG personnel is complete with a skeleton crew of 5 USCG personnel remaining.

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2. Raquest approval and signature on the attached proposed message.

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3. (FS) FOR PLANNING PURPOSES. ASSUME THE ADDITIONAL FORCE TO BE UTILIZED IS THE SARATOGA CVBG.

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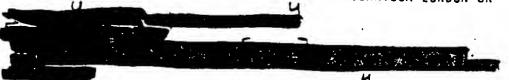
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U. A. (TS) WHICH SUPPLEMENTAL ROE, IF ANY, ARE DESIRED FOR PRESENCE OPS (SURFACE COMBATANTS AND AIR) IN THE FIR NORTH OF 32-30N.

M B. 43) WHICH SUPPLEMENTAL ROE ARE DESIRED FOR FON OPS (SURFACE

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A.C. (20) IF SUPPLEMENTAL ROE ARE AUTHORIZED TO WHAT LEVEL OF COMMAND WILL THE SUPPLEMENTAL ROE. BY ROE ITEM NUMBER. BE SUB-DELEGATED.

A 3. LEST REGRET SHORT FUSE, BUT REQUIRE RESOLUTION ASAP IN ORDER TO APPROVE PRESENCE OPERATIONS COMMENCING AT 240001Z JAN 86.

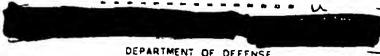
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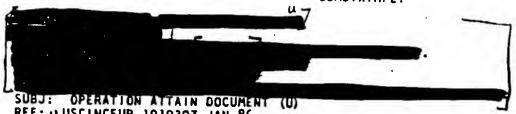


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1. (79) AS RESULT OF JCS MEETING TODAY, BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE PRESENCE OPS (REF MSG) NOT EARLIER THAN 240001Z JAN 86.

2. (75) FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST YOU IMMEDIATELY FILE A NOTICE OF INTENT TO CONDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION COMMENCING AT 240001Z JAN 86 FOR A PERIOD OF SEVEN DAYS AND BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE PRESENCE OPERATIONS COMMENCING 240001Z JAN.

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A. CINCUSNAVEUR 231157Z JAN 86 B. USCINCEUR 231728Z JAN 86

1. (U) THIS IS A DASD (PA) /OJCS COORDINATED MESSAGE. 2. (U) REF A, AS MODIFIED BY REF B, IS APPROVED WITH THE FOLLOWING

CHANGES:

A. (U) CHANGE THE NOTE FOLLOWING STATEMENT, IN PARA 2C TO READ. QUOTE NOTE: IN THE EVENT OF HOSTILE REACTION BY LIBYAN FORCES AND/OR RESPONSE BY US FORCES, PROPOSED STATEMENT AND SUPPORTING QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS WILL BE FORWARDED SEPARATELY ASAP.

B. (U) DELETE FROM A4: (OR YES AS APPROPRIATE)

C. (U) DELETE PARAGRAPH 4.

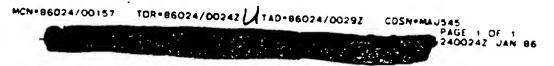
(U) PROPOSED STATEMENT AND Q'S AND A'S IN REFS A AND B. AS MODIFIED ABOVE. ARE DECLASSIFIED ON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE AND ARE AUTHORIZED FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERIES. QUERIES SHOULD BE ANSWERED AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE LEVEL. PARAGRAPH 4 REF A REMAINS CLASSIFIED TOP SECRET AND PROTECTED WITHIN THE 4. LETWREQUEST YOU PROVIDE ASAP EXPANDED Q AND A'S ELABORATING ON PARA 4 REF A TO COVER POSSIBLE FUTURE OPERATIONS.

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SUBJ: PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: ATTAIN DOCUMENT (AD) (U) REFS:

A. CINCUSNAVEUR 051032Z FEB 86 (PASEP) B. USCINCEUR 061605Z FEB 86 (PASEP)

C. SECDEF 051225Z FEB 86 (NOTAL)

REFS A AND B PROVIDED PROPOSED PA GUIDANCE FOR AD II AND UPON EXECUTION, Q'S AND A'S IN REF A ARE APPROVED FOR USE IN 111. RESPONSE TO MEDIA QUERY ONLY, WITH THE FOLLOWING CHANGES: A. DELETE A3B. CHANGE A3A TO READ A-3 PROPOSE FOLLOWING RESPONSE FOR OPS NORTH OR SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH: THE US WILL BE (HAS BEEN) CONDUCTING OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR IN INTERNATIONAL AIRSPACE OVER INTERNATIONAL WATERS. WE ARE NOT DISCUSSING SPECIFICS OF OUR OPERATION WITHIN THE FIR. (FYI--OUR INFORMATION POLICY IN CASE OF AN INCIDENT WOULD BE TO INCLUDE APPROXIMATE LOCATION, EVEN IF SOUTH OF 32-30).

B. USCINCEUR PAD PROVIDE ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS 6, 10, 11, 12 AND 13 AS APPROPRIATE.

C. IN QUESTIONS 10, 15, AND 18 DELETE GULF OF SIDRA AND REPLACE WITH TRIPOLI FIR.

D. QUESTION 23 SHOULD READ AS FOLLOWS: CAN YOU PROVIDE A LISTING

OF THE OPERATIONS IN THE FIR SINCE 1981?

3. TO WHILE CURRENT POLICY REMAINS PASSIVE RESPOND TO QUERY ONLY, YOU SHOULD BE AWARE A MORE PRO-ACTIVE PUBLIC AFFARIS POLICY IS BEING DISCUSSED WITHIN DOD FOR AD. AS A RESULT, YOU MAY WANT TO BEGIN PLANNING FOR SHORT-NOTICE TASKING FOR MORE ACTIVE MEASURES. SUCH AS, P-3 MEDIA EMBARK OR CV MEDIA EMBARK.

4. (U) FOR ALCON. PER REFS A AND B. CHANGE A-11 TO REF C TO READ IN OCTOBER 1984. USS INDEPENDENCE, USS AMERICA AND USS DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER WERE IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AT THE SAME TIME.

5. (U) THIS IS A JCS/DOD COORDINATED MESSAGE.

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24-27 FEB	INPORT NAPLES	CORAL SEA	
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23-30 MAR	CORAL SEA SCHED NOT YET FIRM		
23- MAR	PROPOSED THREE CVBG FON	CORAL SEA, SARATOGA, AMERICA	

*NOTE: WORKUP WITH THREE CVBGs PRIOR TO PROPOSED FON OPS WILL REQUIRE MODIFICATION (CANCELLATION OF ALL OR PORTIONS) OF SARDINA-86

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CHANGED SITREP TIMES - ATLAIN DOCUMENT III REFS: A. TELECON USCINCEUR 18 MAR 86.

1. LTSD REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS IN PARA 5 OF ATTAIN DOCUMENT III EXECUTE ORDER ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS: THE FIRST SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 220900Z MAR 86 FOR THE 24 HOUR PERIOD FROM 210400Z TO 220400Z WITH PROJECTIONS FOR 220400Z TO 230400Z. THE NEXT SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 222100Z FOR THE 12 HOUR PERIOD 220400Z TO 221600Z WITH PROJECTIONS FOR 230400Z TO 231600Z. THE NEXT SITREP WILL ARRIVE NLT 230900Z FOR THE 12 HOUR PERIOD 231600Z TO 240400Z. SUBSEQUENT SITBEPS WILL ARRIVE NLT 0900Z AND NLT 2100Z AS ABOVE.
2. Jet THE CONTENT DESCRIBED IN REF MSG PARA 5 A THROUGH 5 H REMAIN UNCHANGED.

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- A. Tripoli FIR NOIs were filed as follows:
 - 22 Jan for 24 31 Jan ATTAIN DOCUMENT I ops. (Tab A)
 - 10 Feb for 12 15 Feb ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA ops. (Tab B)
 - 28 Feb for 01 04 Mar ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB ops but flights
- B. [75] Flight ops were conducted 12 March with SARATOGA aircraft from WMED but no NOI was filed.
- C. [176] NOI is filed (Copy not yet available) for flight ops in FIR 13 Mar but these ops will not be conducted.
- D. [125] NOI will be filed 14 Mar for 1512002 162359Z Mar 86. Actual flight ops (CORAL SEA aircraft) will be conducted 15 -20
- E. [175] NOI will be filed 17 Mar for 19 20 Mar ops in PIR (CORAL SEA aircraft).
- F. [25] NOI will be filed 19 Mar for flight ops (Helos) for 2012002 2112002 Mar.
- G. [126] NOI will not be filed for the 3 CVBG TACAIR flights in FIR 21 22 Mar unless the 10 day NOI for ATTAIN DOCUMENT III is directed. NOI for 23 Mar and beyond is being staffed.

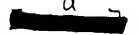
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- (U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS, concerning ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB Notice of Intent (NOI).
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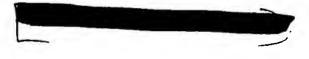
A. [45] ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB operations in the Tripoli FIR were originally planned for the period of 1 to 4 March 1986. USCINCEUR Concept of Operations for ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB was briefed to the Joint Chiefs of Staff 25 February 1986 in anticipation of approval for the Execute Order. The Concept of Operations included the filing of an NOI 48 hours in advance of flight operations. If the Execute Order had been approved, the NOI would have been filed NLT 262359Z for operations 1 to 4 March 1986 as planned.

- B. [175] The result of the 25 February ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB briefing was the 27 February request to SecDef (Tab A) for cancellation of the planned 1 to 4 March operations. Upon a favorable reply from SecDef on 28 February the ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB Cancellation order was transmitted at 280015Z FEB 86. (Tab B)
 - C. [25] CTF-60 in anticipation of conducting ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIB operations filed a pro-forma NOI 280445Z PEB 86, which was transmitted into ICAO channels by NAS SIGNONELLA at 2808042 PEB 86 (TAB C). Upon receipt of the cancellation 28 Peb, planned flight operations in the Tripoli FIR were not conducted and both CORAL SEA and SARATOGA proceeded to port calls in Naples, IT and Malaga, SP respectively.

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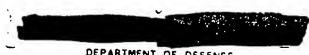
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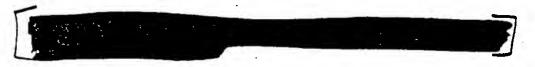
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3. LIST REQUEST TAKE ACTION TO DEPLOY COMMUNICATIONS LISTED IN PARA 4 BELOW IN SUPPORT OF THE FOLLOWING OPERATION. 1 - NAME: OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT 2 - OPERATIONAL LOCATION: LINDSEY AB, GE FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT. 3 - DURATION OF REQUIREMENT: AS SOON AS PRACTICAL FOR ESTIMATE LESS THAN 30 DAYS. 4 - SUPPORTED CINC: (POC) EUCOM: SECURE 6416. DROP 6 (6420 DURING NON DUTY HOURS). LINDSEY AB: 5 - CHOP: UPON ARRIVAL LINDSEY AB. GE. MODE OF SHIPMENT: PRIORITY AIR. UNIT OP LOCATION EQUIPMENT QUANTITY JCSE LINDSEY AB. GE AN/URC-101/110 10 FOR FURTHER DEPLOYMENT RADIOS WITH ANT, AC/DC, PWR SUP, KY-57 AND ASSOC COMSEC FILL DEVICES AND CABLES 5. (U) ALL TRANSPORTATION AND PERSONNEL SUPPORT COSTS INCLUDING PER DIEM (LESS PAY AND ALLOWANCES) INCIDENT TO THE DEPLOYEMENT AND RECOVERY, WILL BE FUNDED BY EUCOM. 6. (U) DIRECT LIAISON IS AUTHORIZED AMONG ALL CONCERNED. KEEP JCS INFORMED. NOTIFY JCS OF COMMITMENTS OR CIRCUMSTANCES (AND TIMING THEREOF) WHICH PREVENT SUPPORTING THIS DEPLOYMENT. (U) OJCS/C3SDQ POC IS

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SUBJ: OPERATIONS IN THE VICINITY OF LIBYA

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L. SET SECSTATE AND SECDEF HAVE AGREED THAT STATE WILL SEND A

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222259Z} TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS THAT WE ARE REAFFIRMING OUR MARITIME

RIGHTS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA, SOUTH OF 32-30N BUT WILL REMAIN OUTSIDE

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2. [3] NOTIFICATION PROCEDURES HAVE BEEN CAREFULLY ORCHESTRATED BY DOD AND DOS AND IT IS IMPORTANT THAT NOTIFICATION TO FOREIGN GOVERNMENTS DOES NOT OCCUR OUTSIDE OF AGREED UPON CHANNELS.

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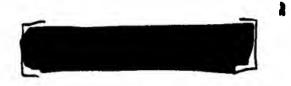
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SUBJ: EXECUTE ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT III TERMINATION (U)

REFS: A. JCS 150027Z MAR &L (EXECUTE ORDER) (NOTAL)

- B. USCINCEUR 211236Z FEB 86 (NOTAL)
- 1. [THIS IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DIRECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
- E. SITUATION. OBJECTIVES OF "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" HAVE BEEN MET.
- 3. LESS MISSION. TERMINATE "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" AND RETURN TO NORMAL OPS.
- 4. {U} EXECUTION.
 - A. {U} COURSE OF ACTION:
 - (1) LIST AT 1200 LIBYAN TIME (1)00Z). 27 MAR &b. TICONDEROGA SAG WILL COMMENCE TRANSIT OUT OF THE GULF OF SIDRA. SAG WILL COMPLETE TRANSIT TO NORTH OF 32-30N8 NOT EARLIER THAN 1600 LIBYAN TIME (1500Z). 27 MAR &b. SAG TRANSIT WILL BE A GRADUAL RPT GRADUAL DEPARTURE.
 - (2) STARATOGA BG OUTCHOP SCHEDULE IN REF B APPROVED.

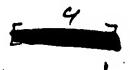
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- (3) [3] CORAL SEA OUTCHOP APPROVED FOR 10 APRIL 86.
- B. STEF MAJOR COMBAT FORCES: IAW REF A.
- C. {U} COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - (1) [475] COMMENCE OPERATIONS: 1200 LIBYAN TIME (1100Z).
 - (2) {U} ROE REMAINS AS STATED IN REF A.
- (3) (U) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: IAW REF A.

 5. 43 ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS: CONTINUE TWICE DAILY

 COMMANDER'S SITREP, IAW REF A. FINAL SITREP DUE 280400Z MAR &6.
- B. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL: IAW REF A.
- 7. {U} PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PA GUIDANCE TO BE PROVIDED SEPC^R.
- B. {U} DIRLAUTH ALCON. KEEP JCS INFORMED. DECL OADR



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SUBJ: JCS SITREP NO. 6 FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III" CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN OPERATIONS HOTA

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1. [FS] COMSIXTHELT HAS COMPLETED FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA. THE SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG) WITHDREW NORTH OF 32-30N AT 271432Z MAR 86.

U. 2. ETSD THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION FOR THE PERIOD 271200Z TO 271432Z IS DERIVED FROM USEUCOM AND OTHER SOURCES FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT III." A. [487] COMPLETED OPERATIONS.

SURFACE.

(1) THE NAVY BATTLE FORCE CONSISTING OF USS AMERICA, USS CORAL SEA, AND USS SARATOGA CONTINUED OPERATIONS IN THE MEDITERRANEAN AS DISENGAGEMENT OPERATIONS WERE CONDUCTED BY THE SURFACE ACTION GROUP (SAG) THAT INCLUDES USS TICONDEROGA, USS SCOTT, AND USS CARON.

(2) SINCE INITIAL PENETRATION BELOW 32-30H (241100Z MAR 86) THE SAG HAS OPERATED CONTINUOUSLY FOR 75 HOURS BELOW 32-30N AND EXITED THE AREA AT 271432Z MAR 86.

(1) TWO FIGHTER AIRCRAFT CROSSED 32-30N. PENETRATED TO 31-35N/18-OOE, CONDUCTED OPERATIONS, AND RETURNED TO BASE. LIBYAN REACTION NOTED.

(2) 271200Z - 271400Z, CAP STATIONS ONE AND TWO CONTINUOUSLY MANNED AS WELL AS SSC/SUCAP SUPPORT TO SAG.

- CUMULATIVE SORTIES IN TRIPOLI FIR TO DATE

DAY NIGHT US NAVY 846 922 LIBYA 101 132 CUMULATIVE SORTIES BELOW 32-30N DAY NIGHT 4 159 156

B. FO PROJECTED OPERATIONS.

AIR OPERATIONS WILL CONTINUE IN THE TRIPOLI FIR UNTIL 272359Z MAR 86. W

(6) NF) INTELLIGENCE. NO CHANGE FROM PREVIOUS REPORT.

(U) PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. SECOND MEDIA EMBARK SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETED 26 MAR. RESULTED IN HALF-HOUR ON-CAMERA INTERVIEW WITH COMSIXTHELT AND CTF 60. MEDIA EMBARK PROPOSED FOR 27 MAR CANCELED. CHINFO WORKING REQUEST FROM PETER JENNINGS, ABC-TV, TO CONDUCT TAPED INTERVIEW WITH COMSIXTHELT TO BE USED FOR ABC'S FEATURE "PERSON OF THE WEEK."

E. (U) WEATHER. WIDELY SCATTERED RAINSHOWERS AND THUNDERSTORMS WILL BE OVER THE MEDITERRANEAN. WINDS WILL BE WEST TO NORTH AT 10 TO 20 KNOTS EVERYWHERE EXCEPT NORTHEASTERN LIBYA WHICH WILL HAVE WINDS FROM THE SOUTHWEST TO SOUTH AT 10 TO 25 KNOTS BECOMING WEST TO NORTH AT 10 TO 20 KNOTS LATER IN THE PERIOD. 3. (U) THIS CONSTITUTES THE FINAL JCS SITREP FOR "ATTAIN DOCUMENT 111." DECL OADR BT

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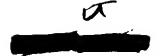
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- 2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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- I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 1
- II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 142000 EST.

A. 181 Air

- The USAF F-111s and EF-111s and the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Upper Heyford, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Pairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

- Strike Operations:

TOT TIME (EST)	TARGET	<u>A/C</u>	ORDNANCE
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

NR 6 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment:

141900

BENINA AIR FIELD

2 A-6 7 A-6E



REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT.

Damage Assessment:



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TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)

9 F-111

REMARKS:

NR 9 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across

Damage Assessment:

141900

BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

141905

SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

3 F-111

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

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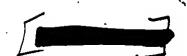
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- II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 142200 EST.

A. 181 Air

- The USAF F-111s and EF-111s and the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Lakenheath, RAF Upper Heyford, RAF Mildenhall, and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.

- Strike Operations:

TOT TIME TARGET A/C ORDNANCE

141906 to TRIPOLI MILITARY 6 F-111 BSU-49 each
141911 AIR FIELD

REMARKS:

NR 6 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900 BENINA AIR FIELD

2 A-6 7 A-6E MK-82 each APAM each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT.

Damage Assessment: TBD

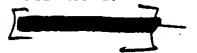
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TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)

9 F-111

GBU-10 each

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REMARKS:

NR 9 aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across target. One (1) F-111 from this mission is reported missing.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900

BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

6 A-6E

MK-82 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment: TBD

141905

SIDI BILAL TERRORIST

TRAINING CAMP

3 F-111

GBU-10 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment: TBA

- Recovery: 2 F-111s diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical

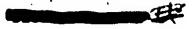
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- 2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Background Paper.

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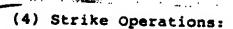


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- II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 150400 EST.

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(2) One (1) F-111 is reported missing.



TOT TIME (EST)	TARGET	A/C	ORDNANCE
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY	6 F-111	BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900

BENINA AIR FIELD

2 A-6 7 A-6E MK-82 each APAM each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (8) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900

TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)

9 F-111

GBU-10 each

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REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Eight (3) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900

BENGHAZI MILITARY

6 A-6E

MK-82 each

BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

REMARKS:

TBD Damage Assessment:

141905

SIDI BILAL TERRORIST 3 F-111

TRAINING CAMP

GBU-10 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment: TBA

(5) Libyan Reactions:

-- 142235 Unconfirmed report of AAA in central Tripoli area.

(7) Missile expenditures:

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HARM: SHRIKE:

(8) Recovery:

-- One F-111 diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical problems escorted by a second F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to home base. The divert aircraft is in hangar awaiting repair.

-- 150310 F-111s and tankers on deck in UK.

Surface (nothing to report)

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- 1. (U) The attached background paper provides the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya.
- 2. (U) Recommend approval and signature on the attached Background Paper.

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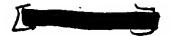
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Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS for Information

- I. SUBJECT: ELDORADO CANYON Summary (U)
- II. MAJOR POINTS The following information is the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya as of 150700 EST.
 - A. (U) Targets/Aircraft Assigned:
 - (1) 187 Tripoli Military Airfield/6 F-111F.

 (5) One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
 - (2) Med Benina Airfield/9 A-6E.
 - (3) One A-6E aborted prior to TOT.

 (3) (3) Tarabulus Barracks (Aziziyah)/9 F-111F.

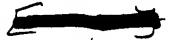
 (4) One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.
 - 7(46) One F-111F lost during the strike.
 - (4)(45) Benghazi Military Barracks (Jamahiriyah)/6 A-6E. (5)(27) Sidi Bilal Terrorist Training Camp/3 P-111F.
 - B. US missile expenditures 36 HARM, 12 SHRIKE.
 - C. Libyan reaction -- unconfirmed AAA and SAM firings.
 - D. Jor US losses one F-111F missing. SAR ongoing with no results.
 - E. Battle damage assessment (BDA) Post strike pilot reports all weapons dropped in the Benghazi complex. Several secondary fires vehicles and aircraft burning at Benina Airfield. No reports on USAF strikes on targets in Tripoli area.
 - F. 187 Remarks: One F-111F recovered at Rota, SP. 16 F-111F recovered at home station. All Navy aircraft recovered aboard ship. All tankers and support aircraft recovered safely.

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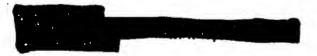
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SUBJ: WARNING ORDER FOR OPERATION -- PRAIRIE FIRE TU (5) THIS IS A WARNING ORDER. REQUEST COMMANDERS ESTIMATES FOR MCA CONSIDERATION NET 252000Z DEC 85.

PER SITUATION AT APPROXIMATELY 0900 HOURS. IT DEC 85 TERRORISTS HREW GRENADES AND CPENED FIRE WITH AUTOMATIC WEAPONS SIMULTANEOUSLY AT THE E. A. CHECK IN COUNTERS AT THE VIENNA AND ROME INTERNATIONAL ATRPOPTS. THE ATTACK IN ROME KILLED OF WOUNDED AT LEAST 20 AMCITS. INTELLIGENCE SOURCES MAVE LINEED THE ATTACKS TO THE ABU MIDAL GREANIZATION WITH LIBYAN SUPPORT THE USG HAS PUBLICLY STATED THAT ONCE POSITIVE IDENTIFICATION OF THOSE RESPONSIBLE IS MADE APPROPRIATE BETALIATORY ACTION WILL BE TAKEN

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ASTI FOR USCINCIANT AND USCINCPAC REQUEST YOU PROVIDE USCINCEUR INFORMATION SCONEST ON AVAILABILITY OF CVBG'S AND BE SAG. .F. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) (3) TENTATIVE C-DAY, L-HOUR: NOTIFICATION PLUS 36 HOURS. (2) (8) ANTICIPATED D-DAY: NOTIFICATION PLUS 36 HOURS. (3) (U) ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: TBD. (1) Frei Moure LA

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(4) [CETICOMANDERS SHOULD BEGIN TO CAPTURE COSTS AND EXPENDITURES UPON RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE

(U) REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS: CINC IS AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP-1 REPORTING AS REQUIRED. NORMAL OPERATIONAL REPORTING AS PRESCRIBED IN JCS PUB 5. MOVEMENT OF FORCES WILL BE REPORTED IAW APPROVED

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SUBJ: LIBYAN STRIKE PLANNING (75)

1. (75) A STRONG POSSIBILITY EXITS THAT THERE IS A LIBYAN CONNECTION WITH THE ABU NIDAL ORGANIZATION WHICH IS BELIEVED TO BE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE 27 DEC BOMBINGS AT THE VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT AND ROME'S FUIMICINO AIRPORT. WE HAVE BEEN TASKED TO DEVELOP MILITARY RETALIATORY OPTIONS AGAINST LIBYA.

DETAILED STRIKE PLANNING DATA, INCLUDING LAND-BASED AND CVGB ACTIVITIES WITH ACTICAL AIR OPTIONS. WE EXPECT TO BE ABLE TO PROVIDE MORE SET OF BEST REGARDS

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THES IS AN ALERT ORDER. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED ALERTING OF FORCES AND EXECUTION PLANNING FOR OPERATION PRAIREE FIRE. REQUEST SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S OPORD NLT 0212002

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(2) USS CORAL SEA CVBG.

(3) STRIKE SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.
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FOR MG SHAHAK, ISRAELI DIRECTOR FOR MILITARY INTELLIGENCE, 20 MAY 1986

Good afternoon, sir. I am

Current Operations, J-3, JCS

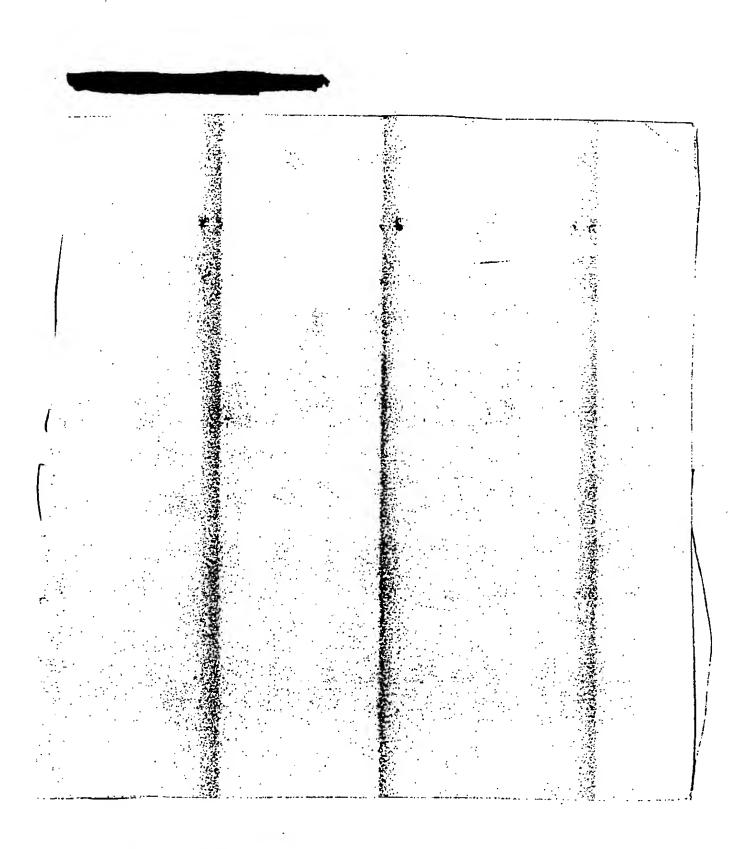
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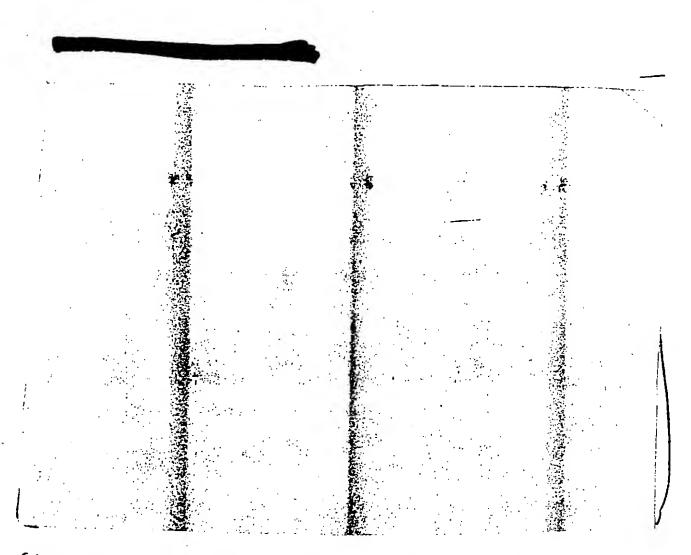
- directed targets. Specifically, the raid was to damage/destroy combat swimmer school at Murrat Sidi Bilal terrorist-training facility, damage/destroy Qadhafi's terrorism HQ and C³ apparatus at Azziziyah as well as the Jamahiriyah Guard Barracks at Banghazi, and protect the striking US forces from Libyan air threat while damaging Libya's IL-76 power/logistics projection capability.
- (w) The general concept of operations was to use F-lllFs from Great Britain against the three western-most targets in Tripoli; that is, the Sidi Bilal Training Facility, the Aziziyah Barracks and Headquarters, and the Tripoli

Military Airport; and on the eastern targets, A-6Es from the USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA were scheduled against Benina Air Base and the Benghazi Barracks and Alternate Headquarters. Tactical support was to be provided by aircraft from the two carriers and KC-10s and EF-11ls launched from Great Britain. Staging the F-11ls closer was not considered a realistic option since third country diplomatic clearance would be required. This presented an OPSEC problem eliminating the element of surprise and increasing the risk to striking forces. Lack of overflight rights for the F-11ls complicated planning and execution but was within operational parameters. Due to the long range (2800 nm, one way), the mission required additional tanker aircraft to be deployed to the UK. Additional spare F-11ls were planned in case of avionics failures during the long flight. The most experienced, trained, formed crews were chosen for the mission.



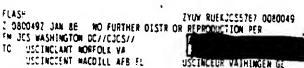


- (A) Of the aircraft attacking the Aziziyah Barracks, there was one F-111 that did not return, he apparently went down off the coast about four miles north of Tripoli. There was an immediate SAR initiated which continued for a day and a half after the aircraft was reported lost, with no indication either visual or electronic that anyone had survived.
- (u) The effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces has been assessed as superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the exact on time TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike support (ECM, C3CM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces. The aircrews, as the primary strike planners, were given the flexibility to develop attack plans and force packages. Each target area had several desired target elements (aim points). The selection of aim points and munitions was left to the crews attacking that target area.



(U) Sir, unless you have any operational questions, specific BDA and Libyan reactions will now be covered by my collegues from DIA.





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B. (U) MAJOR COMBAT FORCES: (114CHS) USS CORAL SEA CVBC.

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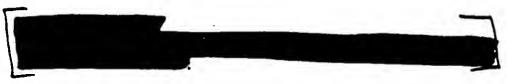
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(1) (27) DURATION OF OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRAMEAN: TBD.

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(5) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: REEP JCS INFORMED.

6. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. M A. JOY AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 181.

B. (U) FLANDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF

EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMANDERS AND AGENCIES SHOULD BEGIN TO CAPTURE EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY.

EA C. JOT REPORTING: COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1
REPORTING. SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD BEGIN SUBMITTING DAILY SITREPS TO JCS UPON RECEIPT OF THIS ORDER. REPORTS SMOULD BE AS OF OGDOZ DATLY TO ARRIVE BLT 12002 DATLY. DETAILED AFTER-ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUGMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST IMPRESSIONS, 24

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REFS: A. JCS 080049Z JAN 86

B. USCINCEUR OBITOOZ JAN 86

1. (U) APPRECIATE YOUR COMMENTS AND RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT. FOLLOWING RESPONSES ARE KEYED TO SUBPARAGRAPHS OF PARAGRAPH 1, REF B:

COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE IS APPROVED. REQUEST AS DETAILED A CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AS POSSIBLE UNDER THE TIMELINES.

B. LTGT BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, YOUR RECOMMENDED OPTIONS FOR OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE WILL BE APPROVED FOR FURTHER PLANNING AND WE WILL REQUEST A DETAILED STRIKE PLAN FOR THAT OPTION. UPON JCS APPROVAL OF THE STRIKE PLAN, PRAIRIE FIRE SITREPS WILL BE DISCONTINUED. ADDITIONALLY, YOUR RECOMMENDATION TO MODIFY THE DAILY SITREP REQUIREMENT TO READ "AS OF OGOOZ DAILY TO ARRIVE NLT 1200Z DAILY" IS APPROVED. A MODIFICATION TO JCS WARNING ORDER WILL CONTAIN THIS CHANGE.

2. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.

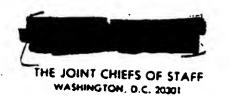


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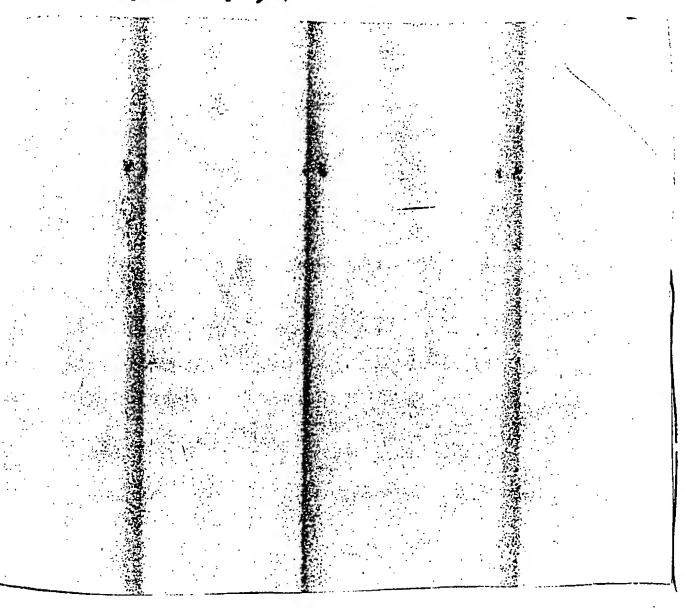


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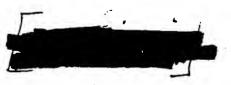
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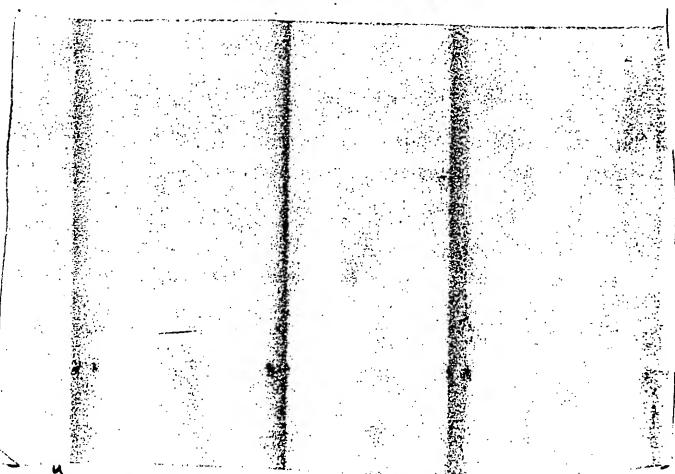
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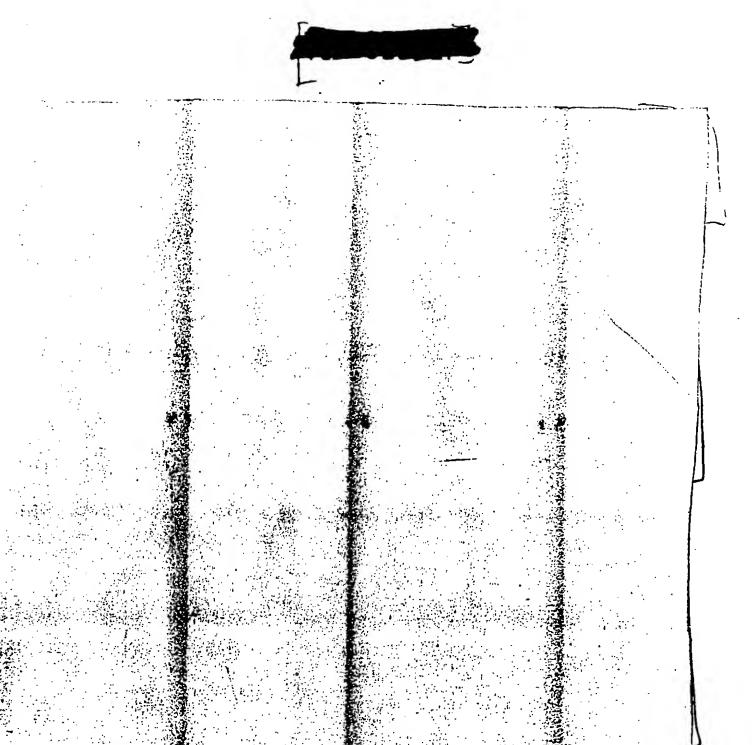
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3. 475) In response to your tasking to develop a plan to demonstrate resolve and capability against Libya, the Joint Chiefs recommend:



5. [35] If this timing is not acceptable, the three-CVBG operation could be conducted 16 days after movement instructions are issued to the USS AMERICA CVBG.

Por the Joint Chiefs of Staff:

WILLIAM J CROWE, JX.

Chairman

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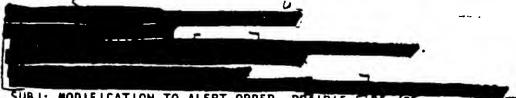
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SUBJ: MODIFICATION TO ALERT ORDER--PRAIRIE FIRE (8)

REFS: A. JCS 082139Z JAN 86--REQUEST FOR DETAILED STRIKE PLAN B. JCS 312234Z DEC 85--ALERT ORDER

U C. USCINCPAC 110135Z JAN 86 (NOTAL)
1. (e) THIS MESSAGE CONFIRMS MODIFICATIONS TO NCA GUIDANCE PREVIOUSLY PASSED SEPARATELY TO SOME ADDRESSEES BY OTHER MEANS.
2. (2) FOR USCINCEUR: REQUEST DETAILED STRIKE PLANNING (REF A) ARRIVE JCS NLT 171000Z JAN 66.

3. (U) REF B IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:
A. (F3) ADD TO PARA 5B (MAJOR COMBAT FORCES): USS SARATOGA CVBG

4. (e) FOR USCINCEUR: IN LIEU OF CURRENT DAILY PRAIRIE FIRE AND ATTAIN DOCUMENT SITREPS. REQUEST SITREPS TWICE EACH WEEK WITH A REPORTING TIME AS OF 1200Z EVERY MONDAY AND FRIDAY. EACH SITREP SHOULD COVER THE PERIOD SINCE THE LAST SUBMISSION AND PROJECT ANTICIPATED OPERATIONS/EVENTS UNTIL THE NEXT SUBMISSION.

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REF: JCS 0800497 JAN 85 (VARNING ORDER)

Z. THIS IS AN OPERATION ATTAIN DOCUMENT MISSION DIRECTIVE AND IS ISSUED FOR PLANNING. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS APPROVED ALERTING FORCES FOR EXECUTION OF THIS NISSION DIRECTIVE. REQUEST SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS AND MISSION TASKING 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF THIS MESSAGE, INFO JCS.

T. LIST MISSION. DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. USCINCEUR WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO REEP LIBYAN ARMED FORCES UNCERTAIN AS TO US INTENTIONS, AND SIGNAL LIBYAN, EUROPEAN AND ARAB OBSERVERS THAT THE US HAS THE CAPABILITY AND THE WILL TO

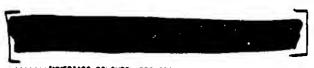
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LA (2) LIST BE PREPARED TO COMDUCT ATR AND/OR SURFACE PENETRATIONS OF ILLEGALLY EXCESSIVE LIBYAN CLAIMED TERRITORIAL SEAS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA BELOW 32-

AA(2) LAST BE PREPARED TO EXECUTE OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE.

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LA B. LAST MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:

(1) USS CORAL SEA CUBG.

(2) USS SARATOGA CVBG.

(3) SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.

C. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS.

M(1) COST EXPECTED D DAY: 2200017 JAN 86.

(2) LIGHT ANTICIPATED LENGTH OF OPERATION: NOT MORE THAN 10 DAYS PENDING LIBYAN RESPONSE

LE (3) (IST DURATION OF OPERATIONS IN MEDITERRAMEAN: TBD. (4) UST RULES OF ENGAGENENT:

M (A) CHAT PEACETEME NOE IN EFFECT.

(B) LIST SUBICIT ANY REQUIRED ADJUSTMENTS OR ADDITIONS TO

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CA(5) USS NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) TO COMOUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR WILL BE FILED FOR FLIGHT OPERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH THIS MISSION.

(6) (U) OIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED.

6. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. (U) FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMINDERS AND AGENCIES

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LA C. JET OPSEC AND DECEPTION: SUMPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON OPSEC PROCEDURES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE

MONITOREO AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

U D. JET PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED UNTIL DECLASSIFIED BY JCS. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC RELEASE OF THIS INFORMATION IS NOT AUTHORIZED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN AND REFERRED TO DUSCRA) THROUGH THE MICC. ADDITIONALLY, UPON EXECUTION, PROVIDE, BY FASTEST REALS POSSIBLE, PROPOSED PASSIVE PA PLAN TO INCLUDE STATEMENT AND QUESTIONS AND ARSWERS CONCERNING OPERATIONAL ASPECTS OF MISSION FOR USE IN RESPONSE TO QUERY BY DJS(PA) AND NEA. 7. (U) COMMO AND CONTROL

LA A. JET WERE CRITICAL COMMUNICATIONS. RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED BY AUGMENTING OR SUPPORTING UNITS, THE SUPPORTED COMMUNICAL SHOULD VALIDATE AND FORMAND THOSE REQUIREMENTS IAM JCS NOP 167. REQUEST FOR SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED BY SUPPORTED COOUNTY E.

LA B. LET COMMAND RELATIONISHIPS. USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER, USCINCLANT, USCINCCENT, USCINCPAC, AND CINCSAC, ARE SUPPORTING COMMANDERS. DIA AND USA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.

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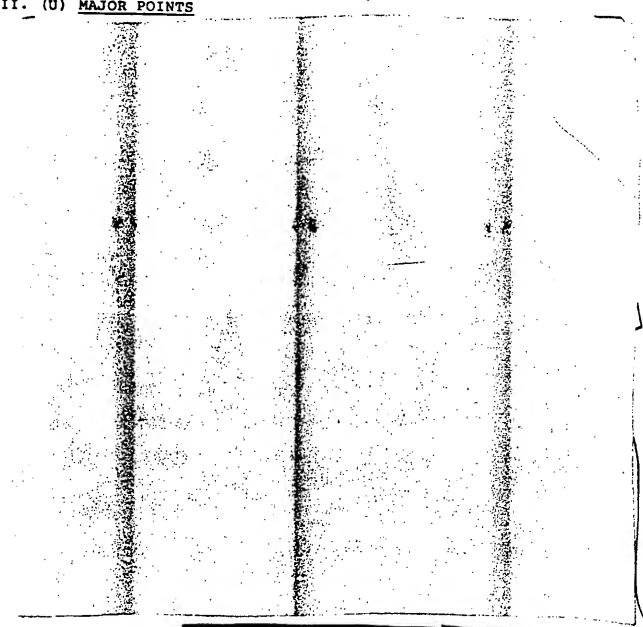
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(U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS, for information

I. (TO) SUBJECT. Libyan Anti-ship Missile Threat to US FIR/FON Operations

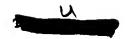
II. (U) MAJOR POINTS



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FYI:

- IOWA presently inport Norfolk. Scheduled underway 18 Feb for Caribbean FLEETEX and CENTAM presence ops through 12 March. IOWA will transit Panama Canal 24 Feb for
- Participation in Libyan FON 23-29 March would require departure from Norfolk NLT 10 March. Additionally should have minimum of 2 wks prep for Med deployment in Norfolk, i.e., should leave Caribbean to arrive Norfolk NLT 25 Peb or be held in Norfolk now. Tab B shows BBBG sked.

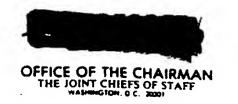
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TAB A--DIA Memorandum for the Chairman, JCS, 15 February 1986 TAB B--BBBG SAG Schedules







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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEPENSE

SUBJECT: Mediterranean Operations (U)

- 1. 475) During the past several months, elements of EUCOM have operated inside the Tripoli FIR on two separate occasions. During the period 23-29 March, EUCOM will conduct a deliberate Preedom of Navigation challenge below 32 degrees 30 minutes North using both air and surface elements. This FON challenge will involve elements of three carrier battle groups and will be deliberately planned and executed.
- 2. 125) In the intervening period between 27 Pebruary and 23 March, the Chiefs recommend that the EUCOM Commander be given maximum flexibility in conducting operations off the coast of Libya with the following constraints:
- No Freedom of Navigation challenge will be conducted during this period nor will any elements of the force operate south of 32 degrees 30 minutes North.
- b. The decision to file a Notification of Intent (NOI) will be left to the EUCOM Commander.
- c. All elements of the EUCOM force are authorized to operate within the Tripoli FIR at the discretion of the EUCOM Commander.
- Normal peacetime Rules of Engagement will apply, with the addition of the following three ROE:

These are the same ROE which have been in effect for the

previous two FIR operations.

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3. (DE) CINCEUR will continue to be prepared to conduct retaliatory operations against Libya within 48 hours of an execute order in response to either linkable terrorist acts or hostile acts of aggression committed against US forces.

4. (25) Request approval of the above as soon as possible.

WILLIAM J. CROWE, JR.

Joint Chiefs of Staff

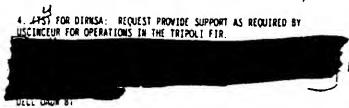
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B. USCINCEUP 1011007 JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE--ATTAIN DOCUMENT)

C. JCS 311907Z JAN 86 (ALERT ORDER--ATTAIN DOCLMENT II/III) D. USCINCEUR 0612007 FEB 86 (OPREP-1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT TWO OPORO:

E. JCS 0818317 FEB 86 (ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIB, AME III EXECUTE ORDER)

F. USCINCEUR 0911452 FEB 86 (EXECUTE ORDER - ATTAIN DOCUMENT IIA, IIE, AMD III)

M G. HO USEUCON ED 55-47 (ROE), 1 SEP 83 THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE HAS DIRECTED CANCELLATION OF ATTAIN DOCUMENT II BRAYD OPERATIONS SCHEDULED FOR 1-4 MARCH 1986. CONTINUE PLANNING FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT 111 OPERATIONS DURING THE PERIOD 23-29 MARCH 1988. ADDITIONALLY, BE PREPARED TO COMDUCT OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE 48 HOURS AFTER RECEIPT OF EXECUTE ORDER. ASSEMBLANDERATIONS IN THE CENTRAL MEDITERRANEAN ARE TO BE RESUMED WITHIN THE FOLLOWING GUIDELINES:

A ALL ELEMENTS OF THE EUROPEAN COMMAND ARE AUTHORIZED TO OPERATE WITHIN THE TRIPOLI FIR ABOVE 32-30% AT THE DISCRETION OF USCINCEUR

B. THE DECISION TO FILE A MOTIFICATION OF INTENT (NOI) TO COMDUCT FLIGHT OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR WILL BE LEFT TO USCINCEUR.

C. FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGES BELOW 32-30M IN THE GULF OF SIDRA WILL NOT BE CONDUCTED UNLESS SPECIFICALLY DIRECTED BY NCA/JCS.

3. STREPORTING. REQUEST USCINCEUR PROVIDE SCHEDULE OF INTENDED OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIF FOR THE PERSOD 28 FEB TO 23 MAR 86. AND MOTIFY JCS 72 MOURS IN ADVANCE OF ANY CHANGES TO PROPOSED SCHEDULE OF OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLY FIR. ADVANCE MOTIFICATION IS REQUIRED TO ENSURE ADEQUATE MSA SUPPORT.



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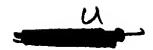
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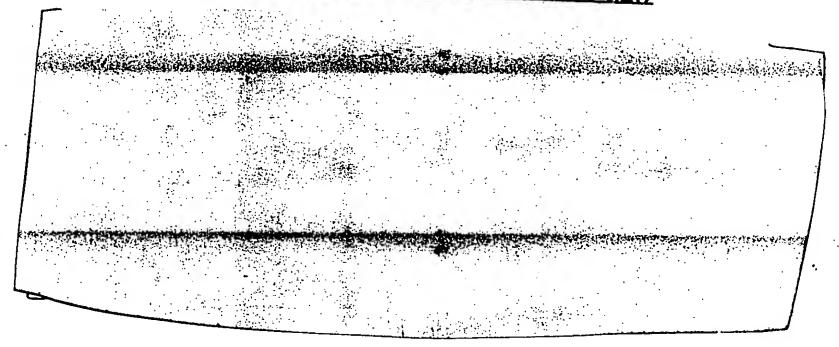
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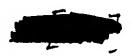
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	- USCINCEUR REQUESTED RELAXATION OF FIR OPS CONSTRAINTS FOR CV'S TO OPERATE BETWEEN 34-20N AND 33-40N





JCS-APPROVED SUPPLEMENTAL ROE (FIR OPS ONLY)





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III: FON OPERATIONS 23-29MAR 86

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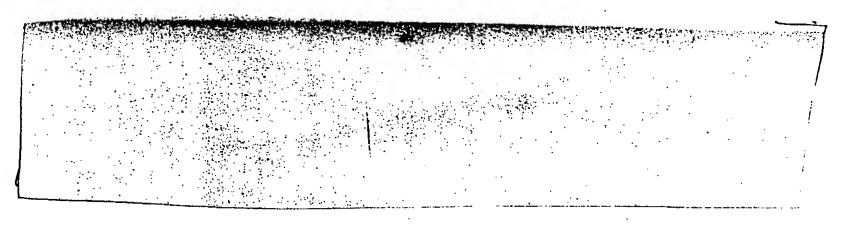
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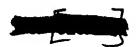
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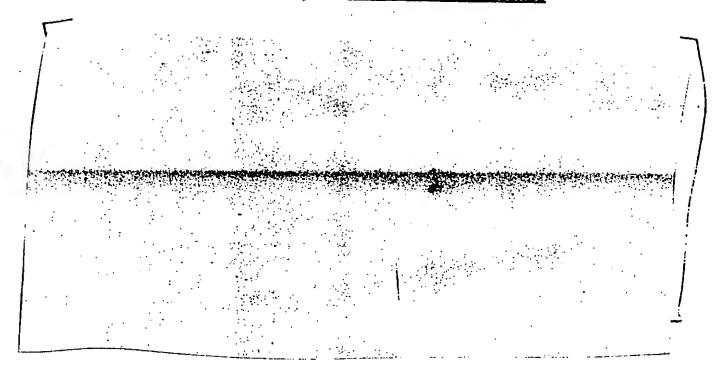
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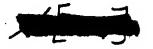






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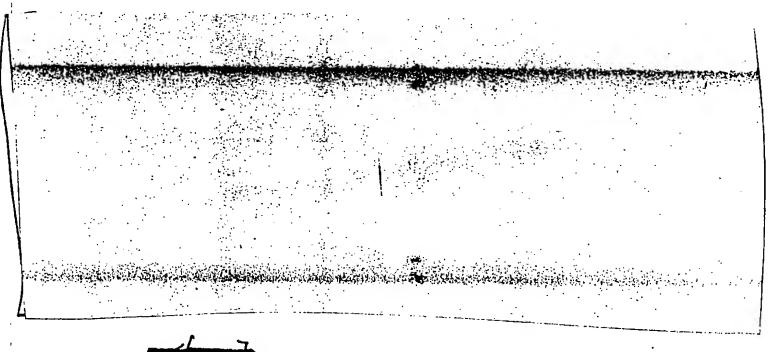


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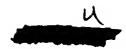
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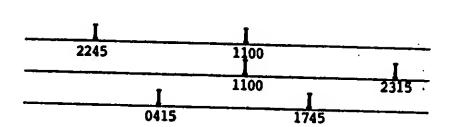
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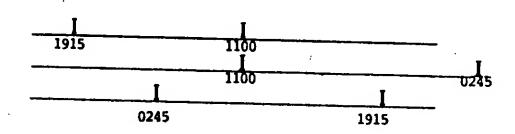


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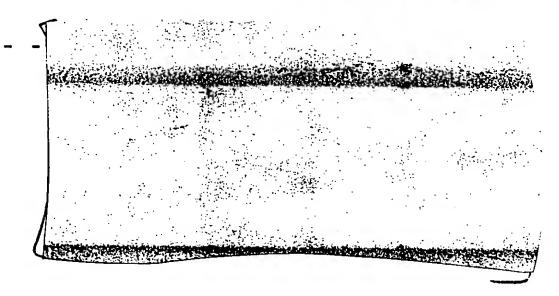
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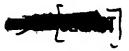






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ATTAIN DOCUMENT II (U)

1. WITST YOU HAVE BY NOW RECEIVED AN ALERT ORDER CALLING FOR FIR OPERATIONS BY TWO CVBGS DURING THE PERIOD 10-14 FEB 86. ATTAIN DOCUMENT I. THESE OPERATIONS SHOULD BE CONDUCTED NORTH OF AS WITH 32 DEGREES 30 MINUTES NORTH WITH AN NOI FILED NOT EARLIER THAN 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING OPERATIONS.

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MATST I WILL KEEP YOU POSTED AS EVENTS UNFOLD HERE. WILL BE DISCUSSING WITH SECDEF YOUR PLANS FOR FON'S, ETC., AND ANY ADVICE YOU MIGHT HAVE ON FIR OPS, FON PENETRATION OR RETALIATORY

6.4 (75) I APPRECIATE THE GREAT WORK THAT YOU AND YOUR STAFFS HAVE DONE IN PLANNING AND EXECUTING OPERATIONS THUS FAR.

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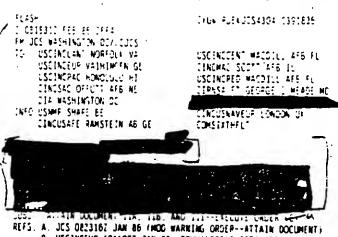


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B. USCINCEUR 1011007 JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTIMATE--ATTAIN DOCUMENT .

C. JCS 3119072 JAN 86 (ALERT ORDER--ATTAIN DOCUMENT 11) D. USCINCEUR OS12007 FEB 85 (OPREP-1/ATTAIN DOCUMENT TWO OPORD 1

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2 LEST SITUATION. LIBYA, SINCE THE 27 DECEMBER 1985 TERRORIST ATTACES AT THE ROME AND VIENNA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORTS, HAS ESCALATED TERSIONS WITH THE US. VERBAL ATTACES HAVE RECENTLY ESCALATED TO INCLUDE THREATS OF TERRORIST ACTIVITIES DIRECTED AGAINST THE US AND EUROPEAN ALLIES. ADDITIONALLY, ON 13 JANUARY LIBYA COMDUCTED A MIG-23 INTERCEPT OF AN UNARMED US EA-3B SURVEILLANCE AIRCRAFT CONDUCTING ROUTINE OPERATIONS OUTSIDE THE TRIPOLI FLIGHT INFORMATION REGION ATTAIN DOCUMENT PRESENCE OPERATIONS, COMOUCTED WITH TWO CYBGS IN THE TRIPOLI FIF 24-31 JAN BE. APPEAR TO HAVE HAD SOME MODERATING IMPACT ON THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA. HOWEVER, LIBYA DOES CONTINUE TO PERSIST IN ILLEGALLY CLAIMING INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30 WORTH AS INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE 3. PLAT MISSION. CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. USCINCEUR WILL CONDUCT OPERATIONS TO REEP LIBYAN AMED FORCES UNCERTAIN AS TO US INTENTIONS AND SIGNAL LIBYAN. EUROPEAN, AND ARAB OBSERVERS THAT THE US HAS THE RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY TO COMOUCT MILITARY STRIKES IF NECESSARY, FURTHER, FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT ITA AND ITB: CONDUCT ATR AND SURFACE PRESENCE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOL! FIR MORTH OF 32-30N. FOR ATTAIN DOCUMENT 117: COMBUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 37-30M IN THE GULF OF SIDRA TO CHALLENGE ILLEGAL LIBYAN CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE.

4. (U) EXECUTION.
A "LIGHT ATTAIN DOCUMENT LIA" CONDUCT THE CYBE PRESENCE OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR MORTH OF 32-306 FROM 11 THROUGH 15 FEB 36 ATTAIN DOCIMENT LIE- BY PREPARTY TO CONTACT THE CYBE



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CONDUCT FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION CHALLENGELS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 37-30% NO CLOSEF THAN 12 NM OF LIBYA FROM 23-29 MAR 86. AFTER PECEIPT OF AN EXECUTE ORDER. * MAJOR COMPAY TORCES

(1) ATTAIN DOC. INT THE AND THE: USS CORAL SEA CYBG, USS SARATOGA CYBG, AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED

(2) ATTAIN COCUMENT III. USS CORAL SEA CVBG. USS SARATOGA CVBG. USS AMERICA CYBG. AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED.

F. (U) COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS: (1) OMENCE OPERATIONS: 1200012 FEB 86. NOI (INFO JCS)

TO BE FILED 48 HOURS PRIOR TO COMMENCING OPERATIONS. TO DURATION: SEE PARAS 4A THROUGH AC ABOVE.

(3) (U) OFERATIONAL CONSTRUCTS: SEE RST D. PARA BREST 3 BRAVO

5. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. SEE REFS C AND D. REPORTING: SUPPORTED COMMANDER'S DAILY SITREP TO ARRIVE JCS MLT 12001; ATTAIN DOCUMENT III PLAN MLT 2512002 FEB. 6. MET PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. THERE WILL BE NO AMNOUNCEMENTS

CONCERNING THESE OPERATIONS. QUERIES WILL BE REFERRED TO OASO(PA: AT AUTOYOM 227-5131. (202) 697-5131. ADDITIONAL PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE WILL BE PROVIDED BY SEPARATE MESSAGE. PERCEPTION MANAGEMENT IN THE INTERIM PERIODS BETWEEN ABOVE OPERATIONS IS CRITICAL. PUBLIC AFFAIRS PLAN MUST BE DEVELOPED IN CONCERT WITH SPECAT AND CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE BELOW



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REFS: A. JCS OB23162 JAN 86 (MOC WARNING GROEP--ATTAIN DOCUMENT) B. USCINCEUR 1011007 JAN 86 (COMMANDER'S ESTINATE--ATTAIN COCUMENTI

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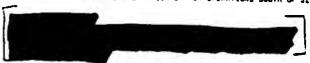
FIRST SITUATION. LIBYA CONTINUES TO PERSIST IN ILLEGALLY LAIMING INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH AS INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE. IT IS EXPECTED THAT CHALLENGES TO LIBYA WILL HEIGHTEN THE INTENSITY OF

THE TERRORIST THREAT.

3 ANT MISSION. COMDUCT FREEDOM OF MAVIGATION GPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-30W/B IN THE GULF OF SIDRA TO CHALLENGE ILLEGAL CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE AND CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE US RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA. BE PREPARED TO COUNTER LIBYAN TERRORIST ACTIVITY.

4 (U) EXECUTION.

A. (U) COURSE OF ACTION:
(1) JUST COMERCING 2300017 MAR 85. USCINCEUR WILL, AT HIS DISCRETION, CONDUCT A DELIBERATE FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION (FON) CHALLENGE SOUTH OF 12-30N/8 LONGITUDE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA USING BOTH AIR AND SURFACE ELEMENTS. THIS FON CHALLENGE WILL INVOLVE ELEMENTS OF THREE CARRIER BATTLE GROUPS. THE DURATION OF THE FON OPERATIONS WILL DEPEND UPON LIBYAN REACTIONS AND THE EFFECT THIS HAS UPON THE DEGREE OF US AIR/SURFACE PRESENCE ATTAINED SOUTH OF 12-30 NORTH. IN NO EVENT WILL ANY LIBYAN ACTION PREVENT US FORCES FROM CARRYING OUT A THOROUGH DEMONSTRATION OF FOM OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-30



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USCINCEUR WILL ENSUPE THAT A NOTICE OF INTENT (NOI) IS FILED 14 -OUPS PRICE TO COMENCING OPERATIONS IN THE TRIPOLI FIR THE ACTUAL FON CHALLENGE WILL FIRST CONSIST OF A NIGHT FIGHTER AIRCRAFT PENETRATION SOUTH OF 32-30 HORTH. SEVAN FEACTION WILL BE MONITORED AND THESE REACTIONS CONSIDERED IN DETERMINING THE NUMBER, EXTENT, AND SPECIFIC PARAMETERS OF FOLLOW-ON PENETRATIONS. WHEN DIRECTED BY USCINCEUR, A SURFACE ACTION GROUP COMPOSED OF AT LEAST TWO CHEATANTS WITH MUTUALLY SUPPORTIVE WEAPONS SUITES WILL PROCEED SOUTH OF 32-30 NORTH TO CONDUCT OPERATIONS NO CLOSER THAN 12 MAUTICAL MILES FROM THE LIBYAN COAST. DEPENDING ON LISYAN REACTIONS, MULTIPLE SURFACE OR AIR PENETRATIONS DURING THE HOURS OF DAYLIGHT OR DARKNESS MAY BE COMOUCTED AS DETERMINED FEASIBLE BY USCINCEUR. DAY AND NIGHT AIR AND SURFACE PENETRATIONS WILL BE LENGTHENED WITH THE OBJECTIVE OF COMDUCTING EXTENDED AIR AND SURFACE OPERATIONS SOUTH OF 32-3 OURING ALL SURFACE PENETRATIONS, COMBAT AIR PATROL AIRCRAFT WILL BE ON STATION. RADAR WARNING, SIGNAL INTELLIGENCE, AND ELECTRONIC JANNING AIRCRAFT WILL BE AIRBORNE AS REQUIRED. LIBYAN UNITS WILL NOT BE PERMITTED TO PICE UP ANY US AIR CREWS DURING SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS SHOULD SUCH OPERATIONS BECOME NECESSARY. M (2) HS) BE PREPARED TO ATTACK, EITHER INDIVIDUALLY OR IN

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COMBINATION, WHEN AUTHORIZED BY THE NCA:

(3) SET BE PREPARED TO COMDUCT OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE ON VERY SHORT MOTICE

E.MATS) CINCHAC: PROVIDE AIRLIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.

F. 2597 MAJOR COMBAT FORCES: USS CORAL SEA CVBG. USS SARATOGA CVBG. USS AMERICA CVBG. AND SUPPORT FORCES AS REQUIRED.
G. 1U1 COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:

(1) \$287 COMMENCE OPERATIONS: Z30001Z MAR 88. NOT (INFO JCS) WILL BE FILED 220001Z MAR 86. PERIOD COVERED BY THE NOT WILL BE 10 DAYS. SUBJECT TO EXTENSION AS THE SITUATION DICTATES.

(2) GET BURATION: TO BE DETERMENED BY USCINCEUM. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES, ANTICIPATED TERMINATION WILL BE NET 2918007 MAR AS

(3) (U) OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS: SEE REF G. SUBPARA BRAYO 3 BRAVO

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5. HST IN THE EVENT OF ROVERSE LYBIAN REACTION TO ATTAIN DOCUMENT III, ANTICIPATE NCA DIRECTION TO EXECUTE REACTIVE STRIKES ON THE ABOVE TARGETS ON EXTREMELY SHORT MOTICE.

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SUBJ: TARGET UPDATE/REQUEST FOR DETAILED STRIKE PLAN--PRATRIE FIRE

REFS: A. JCS 3122347 DEC 65. B. JCS 0821397 JAN 86. C. USCINCEUP 2112157 JAN 86.

2. 3) REFERENCE A (PRAIRIE FIRE-ALERT ORDER) PROVIDED A LISTING OF TARGETS CONSIDERED APPROPRIATE FOR FURTHER PLANNING. REFERENCE B FURTHER REFINED TARGETING AND REQUESTED DETAILED STRIKE PLANS. REFERENCE C PROVIDES STRIKE PLANNING FOR APPROVED TARGETS TO DATE.
3. 1207 PRAIRIE FIRE TARGETS HAVE BEEN REVIEWED BY SECDEF AND JCS. THE FOLLOWING TARGETS HAVE BEEN APPROVED FOR FINAL DETAILED MISSION

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SUBJ: REVISED PRAINTE FIRE ALERT ORDER (U) REFS: A. JCS 2822282 DEC ES (PMAIRIE FIRE VARMINE ORDER) (MOTAL) B. JCS 150027Z MAR 88 (AO III EXECUTE ORDER) (NOTAL)

1. LIST THIS IS AN ALERT ORDER. THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE WAS AUTHORIZED EXECUTION PLANNING DELINEATED RELOW. THE PURPOSE OF THIS MESSAGE IS TO CONSOLIDATE PREVIOUS PRAIRIE FIRE PLANNING AND PROVIDE CURRENT NEA GUIDANCE. THIS NESSAGE SUPERCEDES ANY CONFLICTING ALPECTION/GUIDANCE CONTAINED IN EARLIER MESSAGES.

A LIPSTUSTINATION. LIEVAN LEADER ONDWAFT HAS THREATENED TO ATTAVE US FORCES SHOULD THEY OPERATE IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30M/8. SINCE THE UNITED STATES INTEROS TO CHALLENGE LIBYA'S ILLEGAL CLAIMS OF INTERNAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE IN THE GULF OF SIDRA, PLANKING FOR RETALIATION AGAINST HOSTILE LIBYAN ACTION IS PRIDENT.

(U) EXECUTION. (NOTE: MISSION STATEMENT IS NOT MEANT TO DUPLY DISREGARD OF LIBYAR THREAT TO ATTACKING FORCES). .

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U. LAST MAJOR COMBAT FORCES:

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(2) UK-BASED F-111 AIRCRAFT. (3) STRIKE SUPPORT ASSETS AS REQUIRED.

(4) THEATER SAR FORCES AS REQUIRED. (IF THE FORMAND DEPLOYMENT OF ADDITIONAL SAN ASSETS (E.S. HH-S) PAVE LOW) HELDS IS DEDIED

M APPROPRIATE, REQUEST ADVISE JCS SCOREST). LPSY CONCEPT. IN THE EVENT OF NAJOR HOSTILE LIBYAR ACT AGAINST FREEDON OF BAYIGATION OPERATIONS (ATTAIN DOCUMENT 111), ANTICIPATE NEA DESIRE TO RETALIATE SOCNEST. THEREFORE, STRIKE PLANS SHOULD BE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING TIMELINES:

(1) USING CHAG TACATE: MOTTFICATION PLUS 12 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO COMDUCT STRIKE(S) WITH TUT OPT DRIZATION.

(2) USING UK-BASED F-1115: NOTIFICATION PLUS 12 HOURS PLUS TIME REQUIRED TO COMMUTY STRIKE(S) WITH TOT OFF DRIVATION ASSUMING DIPLOMATIC CLEARANCES FOR EMPLOYMENT AND TAMER PRE-POSITIONING MANE BEER COTATION.

U. F. LAST OPERATIONAL CONSTRAINTS. MISSION PLANNING SHOULD INCLUDE OPTIONS FOR OVERFLIGHT AND NO OVERFLIGHT OF ANY COUNTRY OTHER THAN

TABLET. A.
6. LAST USCINCLANT: CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE-CVBG. MID/OR ONE BASG.

IT ID-STILL HOME: PROVIDE ATRILIFT SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED AND SUPPORTING COMMIDERS.

J. CHOY USCINCPAC: PROVIDE ECH ASSETS TO USCINCEUR, IF REQUESTED.

CONTINUE PLANNING FOR AUGMENTATION OF USCINCEUR WITH ONE CYBE.

ALLIAND CHICSAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELLING SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTING COMMINERS.

T. (U) COORDINATION INSTRUCTIONS:

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(2) 12-577-MITICLIPATED LEMENT OF OPERATION: THO.

(3) 12-577-YAN WILL COOMDINATE AND/OR NOMITON DEPLOYMENTS AS REQUIRED BY SUPPORTED/SUPPORTING COMMINDERS AND TOA'S. (4) [CPS) PRE-STRIKE OPSEC 13 A PARAMOLANT CONSTRENATION. UNSIDEDULED MOVEMENT OF FORCES, CANCELLATION OF BLOCK LEAVES, AND

OTHER SIGNALS SHOULD BE ANOIDED UNTIL ISSUANCE OF EXECUTE ORDER.

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CLOSELY CONTROLLED ELICOPURELIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE: PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOVE THESE OPERATIONS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANTICIPATE ANY AMEQUICIDENT OF PRAIRIE FIRE OPERATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE MCA AFTER OPERATIONS COMMENCE. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. MUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN AND REFERRED TO DASD(PA) (AUTOVON 227-5131) OR TO DUS(PA) THROUGH THE MICC. REQUEST USCINCEUR PROVIDE, BY SEPARATE MESSAGE, PROPOSED PRAIRIE FIRE PA PLAN ASAP AND MLT 2308002 MAR 68.

8. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL:

A A.L. POT MERE CRITICAL COMMINICATIONS RESOURCES ARE NOT SATISFIED BY ALEMENTING OR SUPPORTING UNITS, THE SUPPORTED COMMINER SHOULD VALIDATE AND FORMARD THOSE REQUIREMENTS IAM JCS NOP 187. REQUESTS FOR SUPPORT SHOULD BE PRIORITIZED BY SUPPORTED COMMINER.

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TB) (U) DIRLAUTH ALCON: KEEP JCS INFORMED. 5. (U) ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS. A. 487 AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 181. 8. (4) FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMINERS AND AGENCIES SHOULD CAPTURE EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY.
C. LO DEFENDITING: COMMINERS ARE "UTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1 REPORTING. SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD MITICIPATE CONTINUING DAILY SITHEP REPORTING INITIATED FOR FREEDOM OF MAYIGATION CHALLENGE (ATTAIN DOCUMENT 111). DETAILED AFTER-ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST DIPRESSIONS, 48 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF OPERATION: OMNOWOLDEY OF ACTIONS, 96 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION: AND LESSONS LEARNED. 7 MORETHE DAYS AFTER COMPLETION.

D. FLORDOPSEC AND DECEPTION: SUPPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. PERSONNEL WILL BE BRIEFED ON OPSEC PROCEDURES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND SHOULD BE

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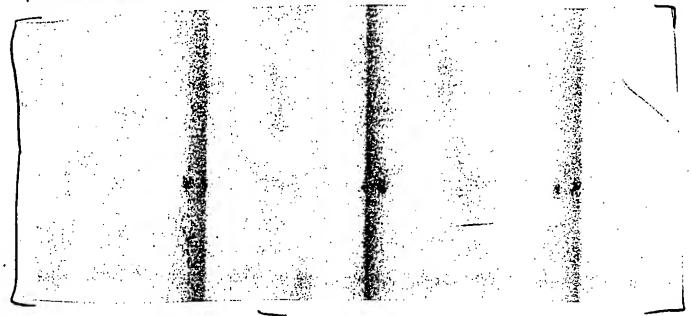
Point Paper for the OPG

SUBJECT: Libya's Attack Capability (U)

1. (U) PURPOSE: Response to JSJ Tasking 008.

2. (U) MAJOR POINTS:

To some extent the lack of air and naval acitivity is a result of bad weather. A further factor with regard to air assets is the emphasis on air defense which has restricted air operations. An attempt to limit possible losses is probably also a factor.



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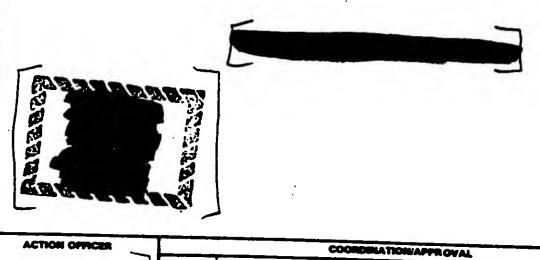
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- 1.(PS) Attached Talking Paper for Deputy Secretary of Defense addresses current status of Operation PRAIRIE PIRE.
- 2.(U) Recommend approval and signature on attached Talking Paper.

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- (U) Talking Paper for the Deputy Secretary of Defense for information
- SUBJECT: Operation PRAIRIE FIRE Update
- II. [135] KEY POINTS:
 - Operation PRAIRIE FIRE (retaliatory strikes on Libyan mainland targets) strike force consists of:
 - -- 2 CVBGs, USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA.
 - -- UK-based F-111s.



- 2 CVBGs, USS AMERICA and USS CORAL SEA, as well as UK-based F-111s, are prepared to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE within 48 hours of receipt of execute order.
 - -- F-111 option continues to require diplomatic clearance.
 - -- USS CORAL SEA outchops 10 April en route CONUS.
- After 10 April only the USS AMERICA will remain in the
- It is anticipated that after 10 April 86 the response time to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE may be extended to 96 hours from receipt of execution order.



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III. (PS) SUMMARY: US forces are positioned to respond to any Libyan act of aggression. Barring any Libyan acts of aggression CVBG schedules will be carried out, reducing the number of CVBGs in the Mediterranean to one (USS AMERICA) by 10 April. The USS AMERICA possesses the capability to execute Operation PRAIRIE FIRE. In addition, UK-based F-111s my be utilized if appropriate.

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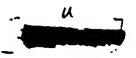


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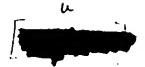
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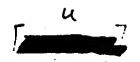
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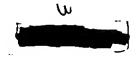


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- ISSUES
- EXECUTE DECISION



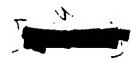




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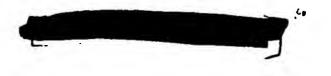


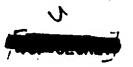
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MISSION: CONTINUE TO DEMONSTRATE U.S. RESOLVE AND CAPABILITY AGAINST LIBYA.

CONDUCT OPERATIONS IN INTERNATIONAL WATERS AND AIRSPACE INCLUDING FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION OPERATIONS IN THE GULF OF SIDRA SOUTH OF 32-30N.

BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ATTACKS ON LIBYAN MAINLAND TARGETS IN RESPONSE TO ANY LIBYAN AGGRESSIONS AGAINST U.S. FORCES (OPERATION PRAIRIE FIRE.)



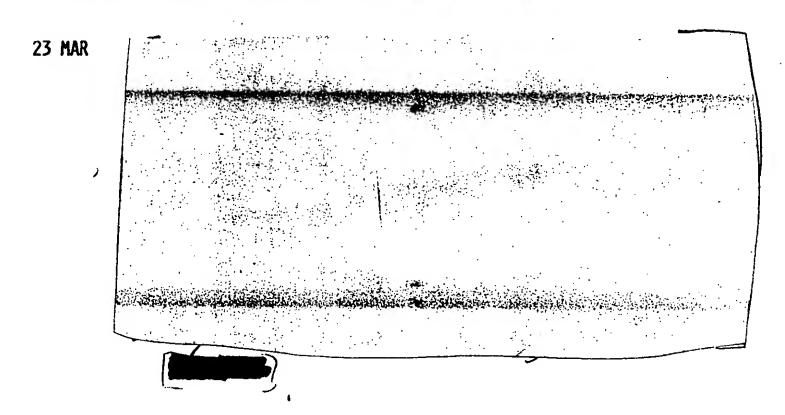




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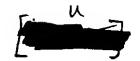


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USS AMERICA	USS CORAL SEA
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USS DALE (CG-19)	USS RICHMOND K TURNER (CG-20)
USS FARRAGUT (DDG-37)	USS SCOTT (DDG-995)
USS KING (DDG-41)	USS CARON (DD-970)
USS HALYBURTON (FFG-40)	USS DE WERT (FFG-45)
USS ALYWIN (FF-1081)	USS DONALD B BEARY (FF-1085)
USS PHARRIS (FF-1094)	USS PAUL (FF-1080)
USS VREELAND (FF-1068)	USS AINSWORTH (FF-1090)
	USS GARCIA (FF-1040)

USS SARATOGA
USS BIDDLE (CG-34)
USS JACK WILLIAMS (FFG-24)
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ATTAIN DOCUMENT III PROJECTED AIRWING COMPOSITION

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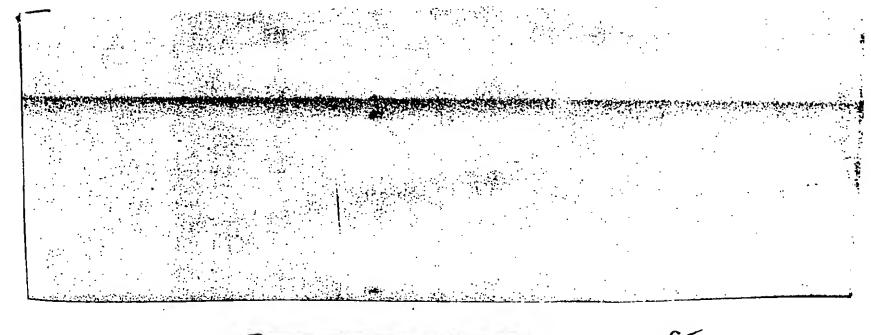
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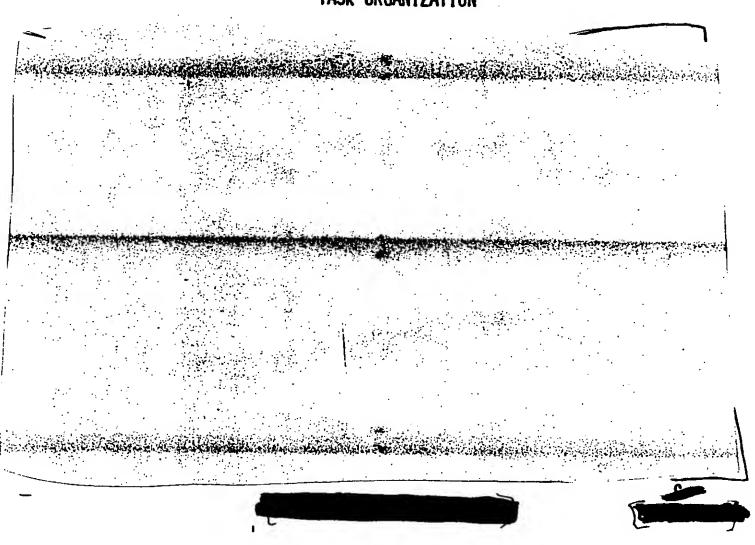
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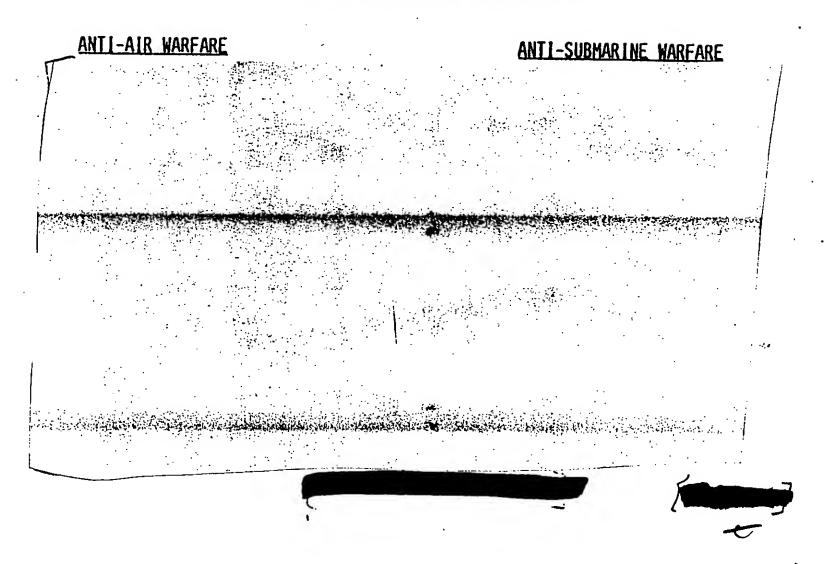


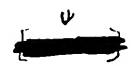






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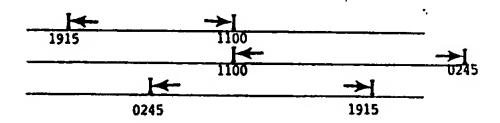
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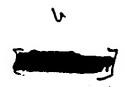
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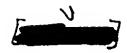
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- NORTH OF 32-30N
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 - -- AMERICA 1100-2315
 - -- CORAL SEA 0415-1745
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- SOUTH OF 32-30N
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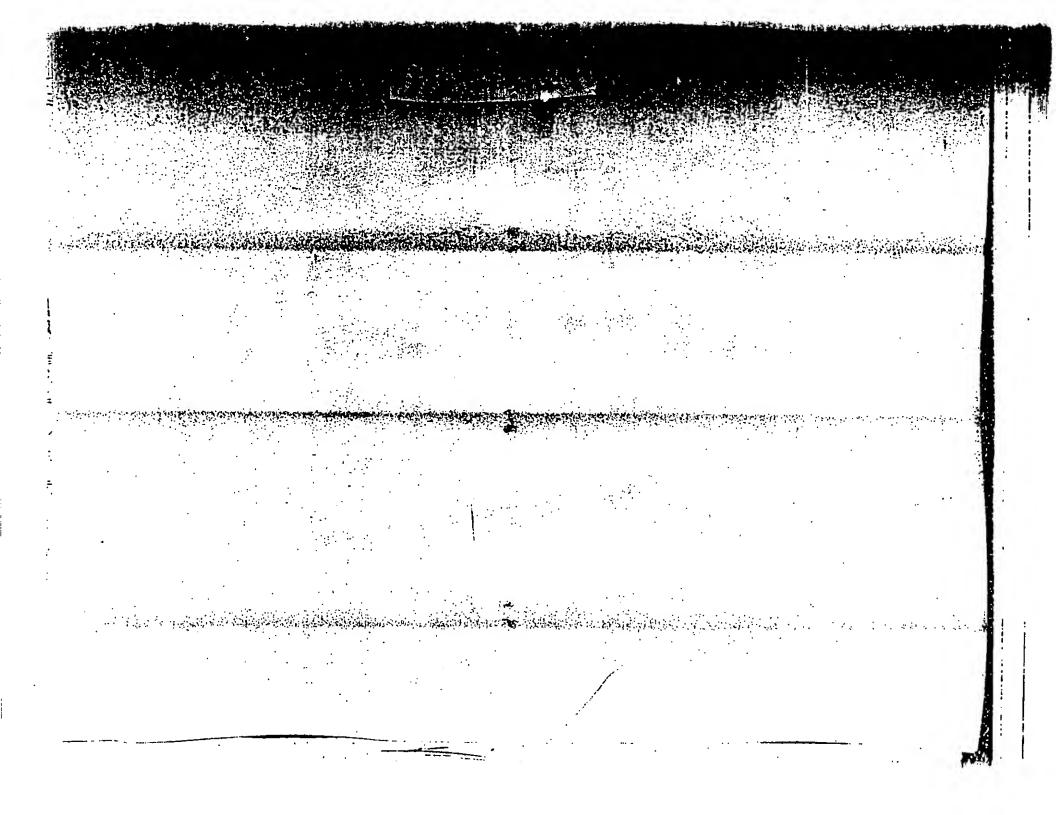


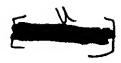


CONCEPT OF OPS (CONT'D)

- 16 CAP STATIONS
 - -- OPS NORTH OF 32-30N
 - --- MIN 6 A/C FOR DAY AND 4 A/C NIGHT
 - --- 2 E-2C DAY/1 E-2C NIGHT (1 ON 30 MIN ALERT)
 - -- OPS SOUTH OF 32-30N
 - ---MIN 12 A/C DAY OR NIGHT
 - --- MIN 2 E-2C (1 ON 30 MIN ALERT)





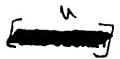


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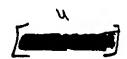


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ISSUE I DURATION OF FON OPERATIONS

- ALERT/EXECUTE ATTAIN DOCUMENT II ALFA ORDERS"BE PREPARED TO CONDUCT ATTAIN DOCUMENT III FON OPS 23-29 MARCH 86."
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- RECOMMENDATION: APPROVE FON OPERATIONS FOR THE PERIOD 230001Z TO 261800Z MARCH 1986.

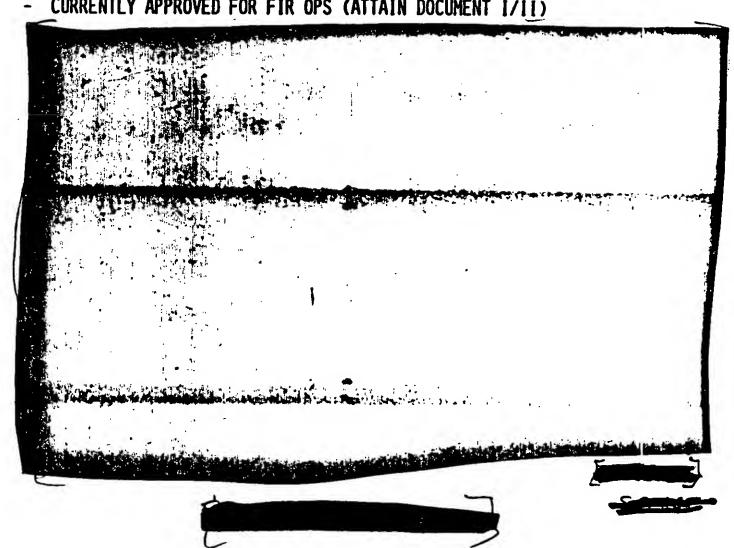


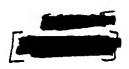


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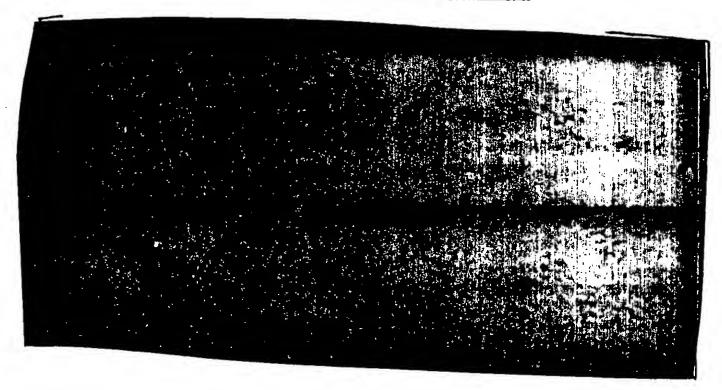
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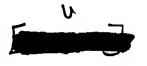


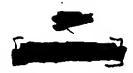


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- JCS APPROVE DURATION OF OPERATIONS (FOUR DAYS).
- JCS APPROVE RULES OF ENGAGEMENT (AS DISCUSSED).
- BRIEF/OBTAIN NSC AND NCA APPROVAL FOR EXECUTION (NLT 14 MAR).
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- TRANSMIT ATTAIN DOCUMENT III EXECUTE ORDER (UPON NCA APPROVAL).



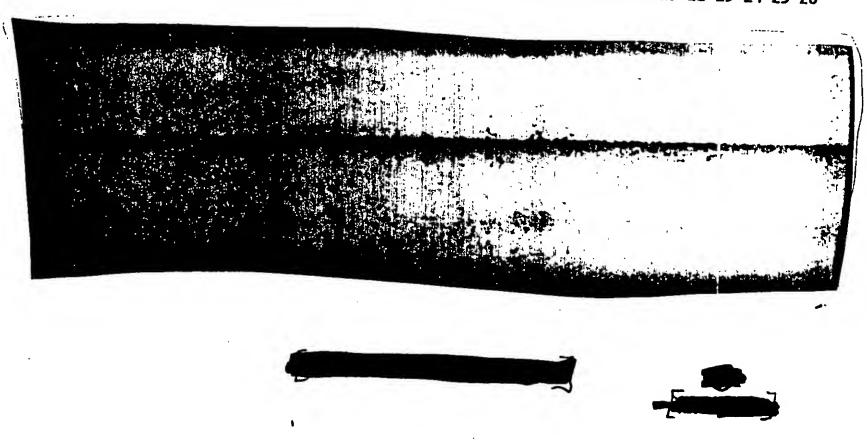




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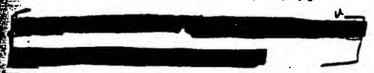


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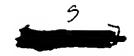


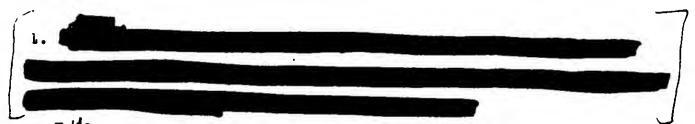
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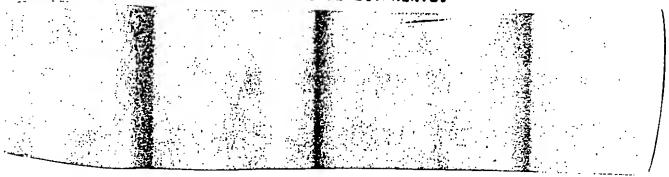
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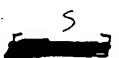
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- 2. [LIR] THES IS AN EXECUTE ORDER BY AUTHORITY AND DERECTION OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE.
- 3. STEET SITUATION. ON 5 APRIL 1935 TERRORISTS SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA DETONATED A BOMB IN A BERLIN NIGHT CLUB CAUSING THE DEATH OF L AMERICAN SOLDIER AND INJURIES TO SEVERAL OTHERS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PROOF THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DIRECTED BY LIBYA'S RADHAFI. IN ADDITION, EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A GLOBAL SERRORISM CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICANS AND US INTERESTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO EXECUTE RETALIATORY OPERATIONS AS A RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.

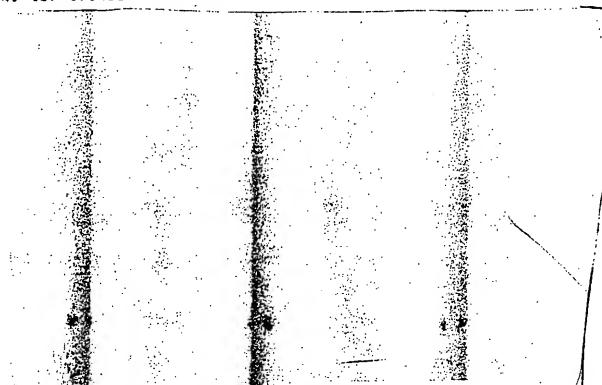




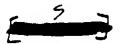
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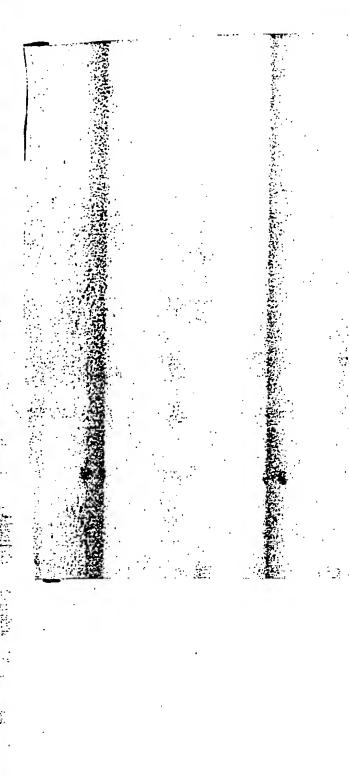
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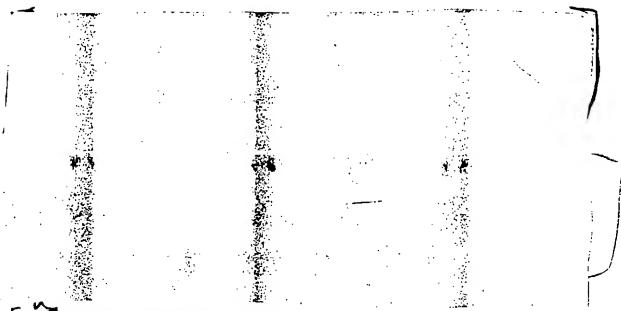
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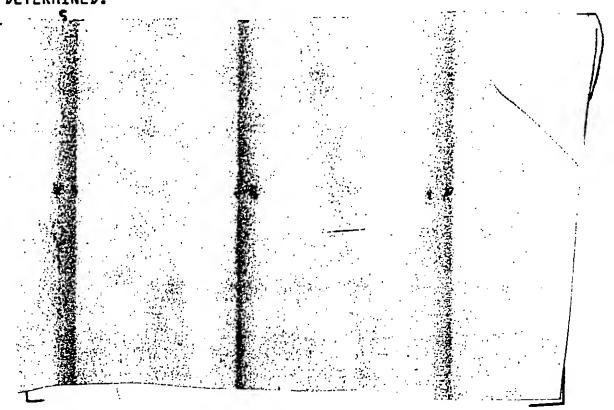
- D. [18] FORCES AVAILABLE:
 - (1) USS AMERICA CVBG.
 - {2} USS CORAL SEA CVBG.
 - (3) UK-BASED F-111'S.
 - (4) APPROPRIATE SUPPORT ELEMENTS.
- E. CIRCSAC: PROVIDE AIR REFUELING AND RECONNAISSANCE SUPPORT AS REQUESTED BY SUPPORTED OR SUPPORTING COMMANDERS.
- F. {U} COORDINATING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - 14 APRIL 1986.

(2) DESIRED TOT UINDOW: HOURS OF DARKNESS NOT EARLIER
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(3) [3] DURATION OF OPERATIONS: DURATION OF STRIKE

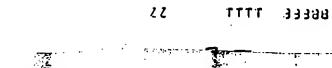
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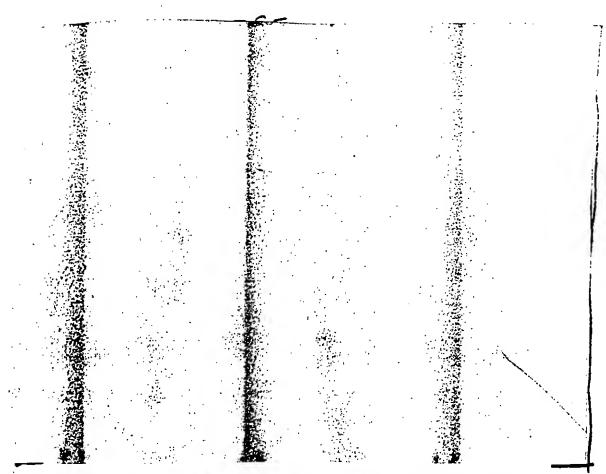
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(I) MINIMIZE COLLATERAL DAMAGE. MAKE EVERY REASONABLE ATTEMPT TO LIMIT DAMAGE TO OTHER THAN DESIGNATED MILITARY TARGETS.

(S) [[] TELEPHONIC COMMUNICATIONS REFERENCE THIS OPERATION WILL BE KEPT TO AN ABSOLUTE MINIMUM UNTIL STRIKE EXECUTION.





- (6) [8] DIRLAUTH ALCON. KEEP JCS INFORMED.
- 5. {U} ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.
 - A. (U) AIRLIFT PRIORITY: 181.
 - B. {U} FUNDING: FUNDING WILL NOT BE PROVIDED BY JCS. PARENT SERVICES OF EXECUTING FORCES WILL FUND OPERATIONS. COMMANDERS AND AGENCIES SHOULD CAPTURE EXPENDITURES BY CATEGORY.
 - C. {U} REPORTING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - (1) USCINCEUR WILL PROVIDE JCS WITH ACTUAL TOT NO LATER THAN H MINUS 12 HOURS VIA SECURE TELECOM REFERENCING PARA 5 A {1} OF THIS MESSAGE. THIS SUSPENSE CANNOT BE SLIPPED AS INFORMATION MUST BE PROVIDED TO THE NCA. AND WILL BE USED TO MAKE NECESSARY NOTIFICATIONS.
 - (2) COMMANDERS ARE AUTHORIZED TO USE OPREP 1 REPORTING.
 - (3) SUPPORTED COMMANDER SHOULD ANTICIPATE CONTINUING TWICE-DAILY SITREP REPORTING COMMENCING WITH FIRST TOT. SITREPS SHOULD ARRIVE AT JCS NO LATER THAN DEDOZ AND SLODZ.
 - (4) PRELIMINARY STRIKE RESULTS WILL BE SUBMITTED TO JCS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE AFTER AIRCRAFT RECOVERY.





- THAT TOT PLUS 24 HOURS.
- (%) OTHER OPERATIONAL REPORTING REQUIREMENTS WILL BE FORWARDED AS DEVELOPED.
- {7} DETAILED AFTER ACTION REPORTS SHOULD BE SUBMITTED AS FOLLOWS: FIRST IMPRESSIONS, 48 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION OF OPERATION; CHRONOLOGY OF ACTIONS, 96 HOURS AFTER COMPLETION; AND LESSONS LEARNED, 7 WORKING DAYS AFTER COMPLETION.
- D. {U} OPSEC AND DECEPTION GUIDANCE: SURPRISE IS ESSENTIAL FOR MINIMIZING US LOSSES. INDICATORS WHICH WILL CONVEY US INTENTIONS WILL BE MONITORED AND SHOULD BE CLOSELY CONTROLLED.

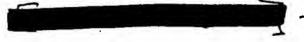
 E. [G] CLASSIFICATION GUIDANCE AND SPECAT HANDLING. RELEASE OF INFORMATION RELATING TO OPERATION ELDORADO CANYON IS NOT
- 7. LET PUBLIC AFFAIRS GUIDANCE. PUBLIC RELEASE OF INFORMATION ABOUT THESE OPERATIONS IS NOT AUTHORIZED. ANTICIPATE ANY ANNOUNCEMENT OF ELDORADO CANYON OPERATIONS WILL BE MADE BY THE NCA AFTER OPERATIONS COMMENCE. INFORMATION NOT SPECIFICALLY RELEASED WILL REMAIN CLASSIFIED. PUBLIC AND MEDIA QUERIES SHOULD BE TAKEN

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AND REFERRED TO OASD(PA) (AUTOVON 227-5131) OR TO DJS(PA) THROUGH THE NMCC. USCINCEUR SHOULD SUBMIT PROPOSED PA GUIDANCE FOR THIS OPERATION.

8. (U) COMMAND AND CONTROL. USCINCEUR IS THE SUPPORTED COMMANDER. CINCSAC IS THE SUPPORTING COMMANDER. NSA AND DIA ARE SUPPORTING AGENCIES.



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1. (U) MAJOR POINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED
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  A. LET AIR:

(1) THE USAF F-111S AND EF-111S SORTIED FROM RAF LAKENHEATH
       AND RAF UPPER HEYFORD: THE NECESSARY EC-10/KC-135 TANKER
       SUPPORT SORTIED FROM RAF MILDENHALL AND RAF FAIRFORD IN GREAT
       BRITAIN. LAUNCHES STARTED AT 141256 EST. THE USW A-6 STRIKE
       ATRCRAFT AND THE NAVY SUPPORT LAUNCHED FROM USS CORAL SEA AND
       USS AMERICA AT APPROXIMATELY 141745 EST. THE TIMES ON
       TARGETS (TOT) BEGAN AT 141900 EST, AND IS SHOWN BELOW FOR
       EACH TARGET.
   (2) LET STRIKE OPERATIONS:
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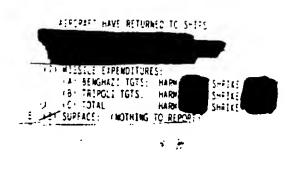
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AIRCRAFT ACROSS TARGET, SAM'S (SA-2/5) FIRED
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BDA OF FLAMES ON RUNDWAY.
                TARABULUS BARRACES 9 F-111
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                                                   GBU-10 EACH
                 (AZIZIYAH)
REMARES: ONE (1) AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT, EIGHT (8) ACROSS
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                BARRACES (JAMAHIRIYAH)
REMARKS: HOSTILE REACTION: MULTIPLE SAM FIRINGS AND AAA
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: INITIAL FLIGHT CREW BOA INDICATES ALL WEAPONS
DROPPED IN BARRACKS COMPLEX.
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                                                     GBU-10 EACH
                TRAINING CAMP
REMARES .
DAMAGE ASSESSMENT: FLIGHT CREW DEBRIEFING NOT YET REPORTED
       (3) LOSSES: ONE F-111 IS MISSING AND WAS PRESUMED LOSS
       DURING THE STREET ON THE TARABULUS BARRACES
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(4) ONE (1) F-111 DIVERTED TO ROTA, SP. DUE TO MECHANICAL PROBLEMS. THE AIRCRAFT IS IN MAMGAR AWAITING REPAIR. (B) 150310. F-111'S AND TANKERS ON DECL IN UK. ALL NAVY

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(2) 12 HOUP FORECAST TO 16/10007 APR 86. SEIES MOSTLY CLEAR TO ISOLATED PARTLY CLOUDY. WINDS SOUTHEAST TO SOUTHWEST IC TO 25 ETS. VISIBILITY REDUCED 1 TO 5 MILES, OCCASIONALLY LESS THAN 1 MILE. IN BLOWING OR SUSPENDED DUST OR SANG OVER THE LAND. ALSO WISIBILITY WILL BE REDUCED TO 1 TO 5 MILES IN PATCHY COASTAL FOR, ESPECIALLY ALONG THE EASTERN SHORES OF THE GULF OF SIDRA.

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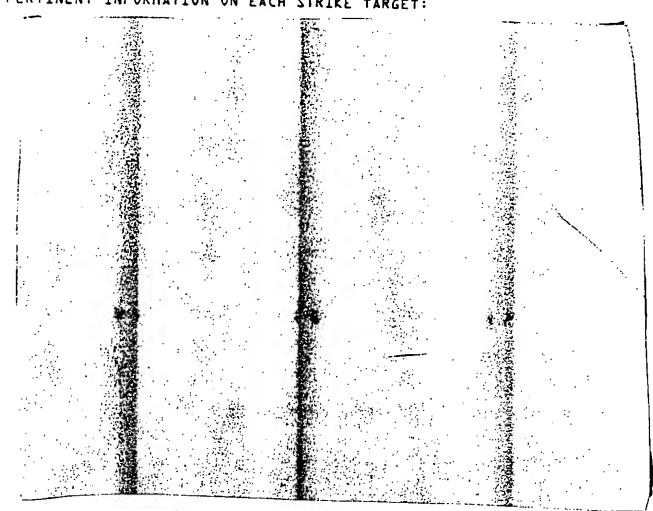
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CRIZT, ZZO CINCCENT; GEN LAWZON, DCINCEUR; GEN CAZZIDY, CINCMAC;
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ON 5 APRIL 1986 TERRORISTS SUPPORTED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA DETONATED A BOMB IN A BERLIN NIGHTCLUB CAUSING THE DEATH OF ONE AMERICAN SOLDIER AND SERIOUS INJURIES TO NUMEROUS OTHERS. THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT HAS PROOF THAT THIS INCIDENT WAS DIRECTED BY LIBYA'S QADHAFI. IN ADDITION, EVIDENCE IS MOUNTING THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF LIBYA IS ATTEMPTING TO DEVELOP A GLOBAL TERRORISM CAMPAIGN AGAINST AMERICANS AND US INTERESTS. THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE HAS BEEN DIRECTED TO EXECUTE RETALIATORY OPERATIONS AS A RESULT OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS.



3. (75) OUR RETALIATORY STRIKES WILL START AT 142400Z APR 86. WE WILL USE BOTH F-111'S FROM THE UK AND A-6'S WITH APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM CORAL SEA AND AMERICA. THE FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF PERTINENT INFORMATION ON EACH STRIKE TARGET:



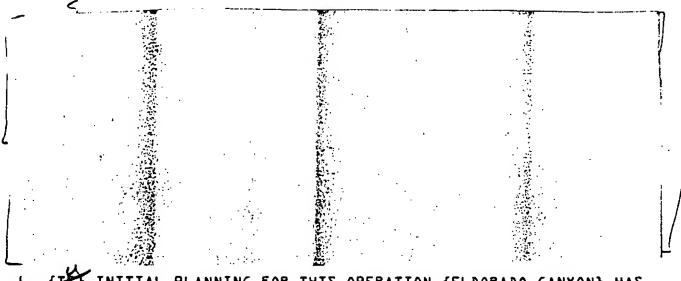




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8. 1257 I WILL PROVIDE YOU PERIODIC UPDATES ABOUT THE OPERATIONS AS INFORMATION BECOMES AVAILABLE.



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9. (U) WARMEST REGARDS.

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Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS for Information

- I. SUBJECT: ELDORADO CANYON Summary (U)
- II. MAJOR POINTS The following information is the latest summary of events relating to the subject operation against Libya as of 150700
 - A. (U) Targets/Aircraft Assigned:
 - (1) (8) Tripoli Military Airfield/6 F-111F. One F-111F aborted prior to TOT.

- Benina Airfield/9 A-6E.
 One A-6E aborted prior to TOT.
- (3) (2) Tarabulus Barracks (Aziziyah)/9 F-111F. One F-111F aborted prior to TOT. One F-111F lost during the strike.
- (4) (8) Benghazi Military Barracks (Jamahiriyah)/6 A-6E.
- (5) (8) Sidi Bilal Terrorist Training Camp/3 F-111F.
- B. (8) US missile expenditures 36 HARM, 12 SHRIKE. (SIMNO confirmed results.
- C. Libyan reaction--unconfirmed AAA and SAM firings.
- D. 45) US losses one F-111F missing. SAR ongoing with no
- E. Lan Battle damage assessment (BDA) Post strike pilot reports all weapons dropped in the Benghazi complex. Several secondary fires - vehicles and aircraft burning at Benina Airfield. No reports on USAF strikes on targets in Tripoli area.
- F. Let Remarks: One F-111F recovered at Rota, SP. 16 F-111F recovered at home station. All Navy aircraft recovered aboard ship. All tankers and support aircraft recovered safely.

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- (U) Background Paper for the Director for Operations
- I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Chronology; SITREP NO. 4
- II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 150800 EST.

A. S Air

- (1) The USAF F-111s and EF-111s sortied from RAF Lakenheath and RAF Upper Heyford; the necessary KC-10/KC-135 tanker support sortied from RAF Mildenhall and RAF Fairford in Great Britain starting at 141256 EST. The USN A-6 strike aircraft and the Navy support launched from USS CORAL SEA and USS AMERICA at 141830 EST. The TOT time, centered on 141900 EST, was achieved as shown.
- (2) One (1) F-111 is reported missing.

(4) Strike Operations:

TOT TIME (EST)	TARGET	A/C	ORDNANCE
141906 to 141911	TRIPOLI MILITARY AIR FIELD	6 F-111	BSU-49 each

REMARKS:

One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Five (5) across target.

Damage Assessment: TBD

141900 BENINA AIR FIELD 2 A-6 MK-82 each 7 A-6E APAM each

REMARKS:

Two (2) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Seven (7) across target.

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Jamaga Assassment: Preliminary Preliminary

- Runway operational

- Several aircraft damaged

-- 1 F-27 destroyed

-- 1 FLOGGER destroyed

-- 1 probable FLOGGER destroyed

-- 20 bomb craters on apron

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TARABULUS BARRACKS (AZIZIYAH)

9 F-111

GBU-10 each

REMARKS:

Two (2) aircraft aborted prior to TOT. Four (4) across target, 3 effective, 1 dropped long (vicinity French Embassy). One aircraft lost radar; 1 aircraft unable to ID target; 1 aircraft was late arrival, missed TOT. Ordnance not expended, jettisoned over water.

Damage Assessment:

Preliminary

- Heavy roof damage

- 3 craters in the area

- Building across from French Embassy damaged, but no observable damage to the French Embassy.

141900

BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH) 6 A-6E

MK-82 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

Preliminary

- Large storage building destroyed.

- Some FLOGGER shipping crates destroyed.

141905

SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

3 F-111



GBU-10 each

REMARKS:

Damage Assessment:

Preliminary

- 3 buildings damaged at the naval academy.

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- (5) Libyan Reactions:
 - 142235 Unconfirmed report of AAA in central Tripoli area.
 - 142238 E-2C reports SAM from Tripoli fired at CAP. Unconfirmed.

(7) Missile expenditures: <u>EAST TGTS</u> <u>WEST TGTS</u> <u>TOTAL</u>

HARM: SHRIKE:

- (8) Recovery:
 - One F-111 diverted to Rota, SP due to mechanical problems escorted by a second F-111. The escort rejoined the tanker and returned to home base. The divert aircraft is in hangar awaiting repair.
 - 150310 F-111s and tankers on deck in UK.
- B. (S) Surface (nothing to report)

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REMARKS

- 1. (U) Attached Background Paper, subject above, is provided for information.
- 2. (PS) Paper compares capabilities of Navy SAR helo (SH-3), USAPE SAR Unit (HH-53B), and PAVE LOW II helo (HH-53H).
- 3. (TB) Paper recommends supporting deployment of 67 ARRS from the United Kingdom if USEUCOM desires. Diplomatic clearance and approval for Italian staging would be required. Sigonella likely staging base.
- 4. (75) Paper does not recommend deployment of PAVE LOW.
- 5. (U) Recommend approval.

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- (U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS
- I. (U) Subject. Search and Rescue (SAR)
- II. (75) Background. SAR requirements and planning will be refined in detail by EUCOM. The responsibility for SAR at sea and ashore will be shared by USN and USAF assets. MARG assets may be utilized if positioned appropriately.

III. (TET Key Points

- USAFE SAR unit 67 ARRS.
 - -- Stationed at RAF Woodbridge, UK.
 - -- Five HH-53B (air refuelable and armored).
 - -- Five HC-130 (tanker/command and control).
 - -- Crews are qualified for night SAR with night vision goggles.
 - -- HH-53s routinely deploy from UK to Sigonella and Aviano. Diplomatic clearance and approval would be required.
- HH-53H PAVE LOW III.
 - -- No significant advantage over HH-53B for SAR.
 - --- Primary advantage over HN-53B is night navigation systems for deep insertion/exfiltration.
 - --- USEUCOM has previously indicated that he did not require the PAVE LOW aircraft for SAR.
 - -- Stationed at Hurlburt AFB, FL.

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- Navy SAR.

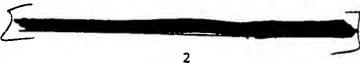
- -- Two SH3 from HC9 primary mission combat SAR.
 - --- Currently deployed to the Sixth Fleet.
 - --- Aircraft are armored.
 - --- Crews are qualified for night SAR with night vision goggles.
 - --- Not air-refuelable can be refueled in hover off stern of ship.
- -- Other Navy helos have limited overwater SAR capability.

- SAR general.

-- Some USAF SAR pilots are deck qualified for shipboard recovery, if necessary. HH-53B and H do not have folding rotors.



- -- Response time can be shortened if SAR aircraft are on airborne alert off shore Libya during TOT (OPSEC is a consideration if this option is exercised). MARG aircraft can be utilized if positioned appropriately.
- -- Fighter CAP required.
- -- Water pick-up's are preferable if crews can get "feet wet."
- -- Overland rescue high risk both day or night.





IV. (Tell Bottom Line. Recovery at sea with fighter cap has high probability of success. Overland rescue may not be possible due to the threat. (As an example, SAR from downtown Hanoi was virtually impossible.)

V. (Def Recommendation. Support deployment of 67 ARRS from the United Kingdom to support operation if USCINCEUR desires. Do not recommend deployment of PAVE LOW.

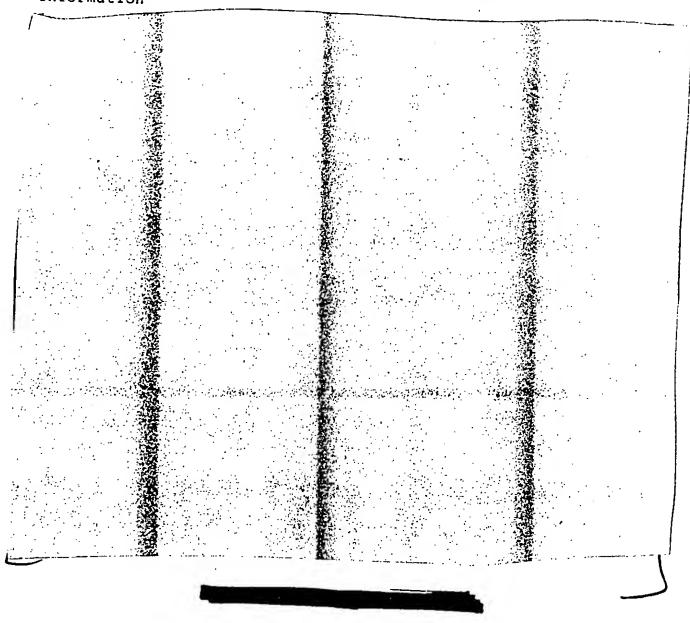
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(U) Point Paper for the Assistant to the Chairman, JCS, for information



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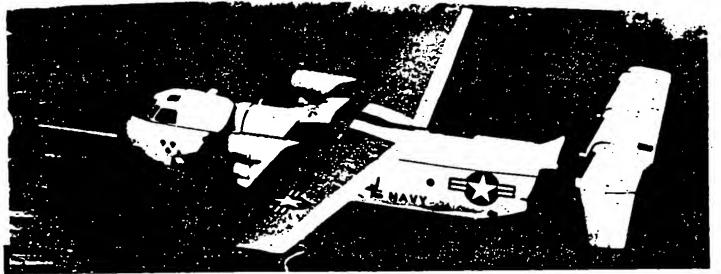


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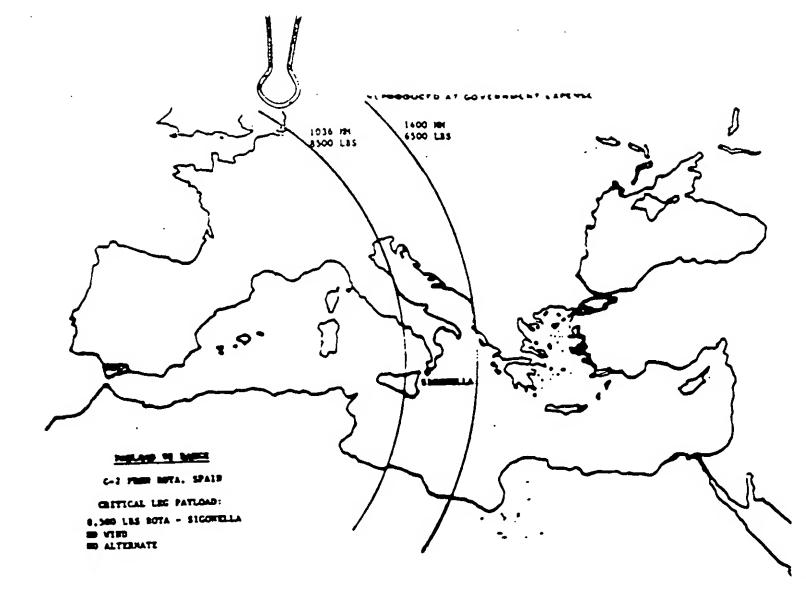
Grumman G-2A Carrier On-board Delivery aircraft, developed from the E-2A Hawkaye. The ness-probe is for flight trials only



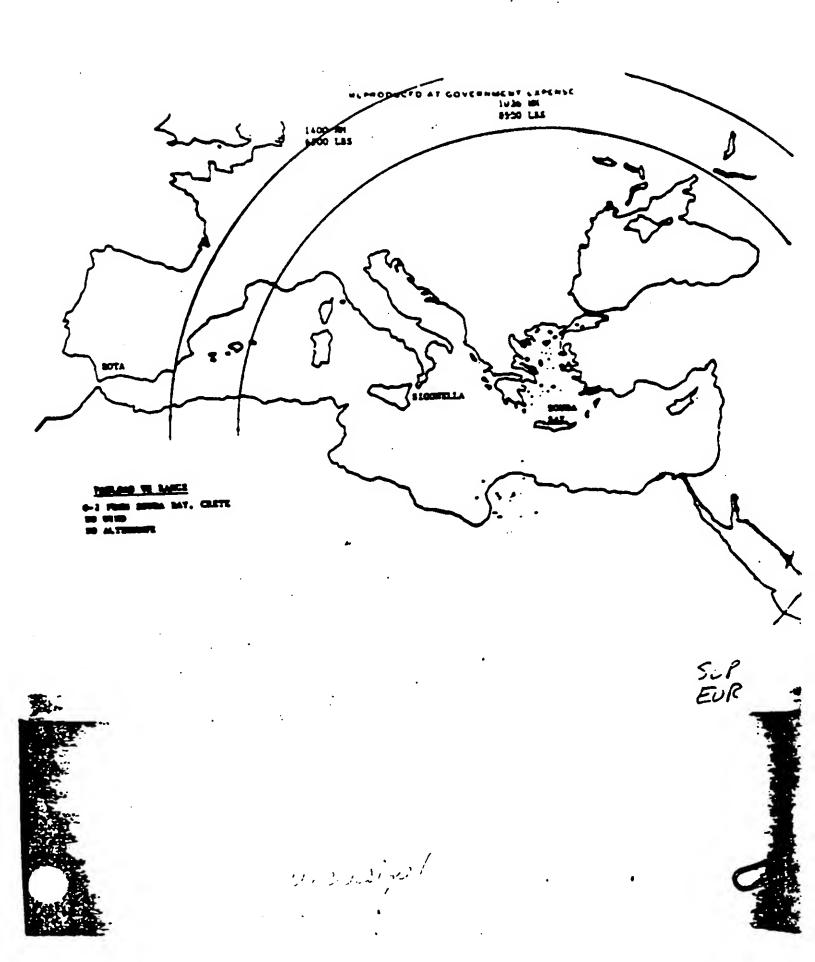
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Point Paper for Information

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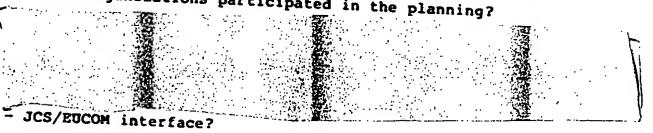
Q. Who was responsible for the planning?

(U) JCS and USCINCEUR using the procedures of Crisis Action System (CAS) contained in Volume IV of the Joint Operation Planning System

-When did planning for this or other Libyan contingencies begin? Why?



What organizations participated in the planning?



(U) Excellent at all levels. Included face-to-face liaison at staff and command levels; including discussions between SecDef and VADM

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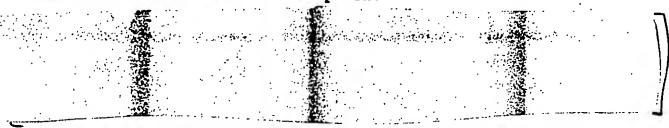
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- Role of EUCOM components, if any?
- (U) As the forces which would execute the strike, they developed the primary, detailed plans.
- How was planning conducted with political leadership?

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- How was Air Force/Navy coordination effected?
- (U) In addition to the coordination inherent in the unified staff at HQ USEUCOM, liaison officers were exchanged among the planning locations.
- Q. What was the primary concept of operations?
- (U) Simultaneous night strike against five NCA-directed targets to ensure the elements of surprise, mass, and saturation of enemy defenses.
 - What were the principal objectives of this operation?
 - (U) Response to the American death; resulting from the Libyan bombing of a West Berlin disco; demonstration of US resolve and capability against Qadhafi-sponsored terrorism, and weakening of Qadhafi's ability to control worldwide terrorism from Libya.
 - What did the raid seek to accomplish?

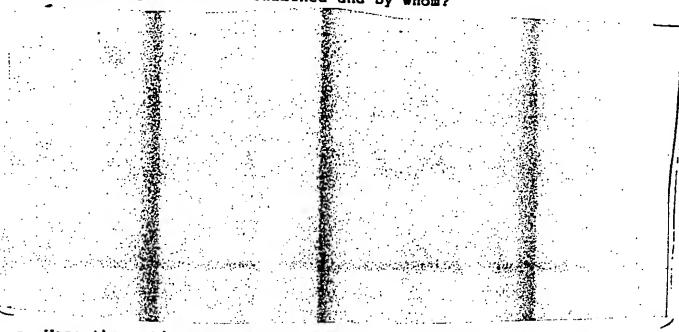


- What was the organizational structure and chain of command?
- (U) Secretary of Defense through the JCS to USCINCEUR to Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations.
- Concept for C³?
- USCINCEUR designated COMSIXTHFLT as the officer in tactical command (OTC) and Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations (COMCENTMEDOPS), to coordinate detailed joint planning /deconfliction efforts, to integrate other command/agency assets into the tactical operations area, and to conduct operations set forth for this operation. USCINCEUR delineated the area of the CENTMED in which COMCENTMED had this authority.

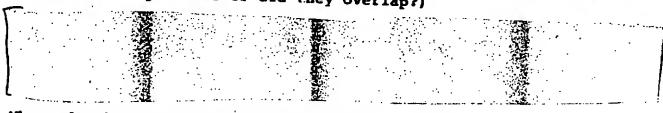




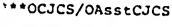
- Q. Bow were options formulated and analyzed?
- (U) Following CAS procedures, the guidance, objectives, and direction given to SecDef/JCS were passed to CINCEUR and his components. From this, USCINCEUR and the executing forces developed feasible military options to support the mission. These plans (options) were reviewed, modified, and revised at successive levels of command through JCS to the Secretary and the President.
 - Were off-the-shelf contingency plans used?
 - (U) Yes, as a point of departure for developing the detailed strike plans against specific targets.
 - How many options were examined and by whom?



- Were the options mutually exclusive in scope? (e.g. military vs. economic objectives or did they overlap?)



- Q. Who made the choice of the options used and why?
- (U) The President approved recommendations of the CINC/JCS/SecDef.
- To what extent did military and civilian leadership interact?





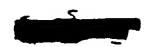


- Q. Intelligence input to decision making.
 - Overall quality.

- What did we know about actual terrorist connections for the targets chosen?

- What did we know about Col Qadhafi's whereabouts at the time of the attack?

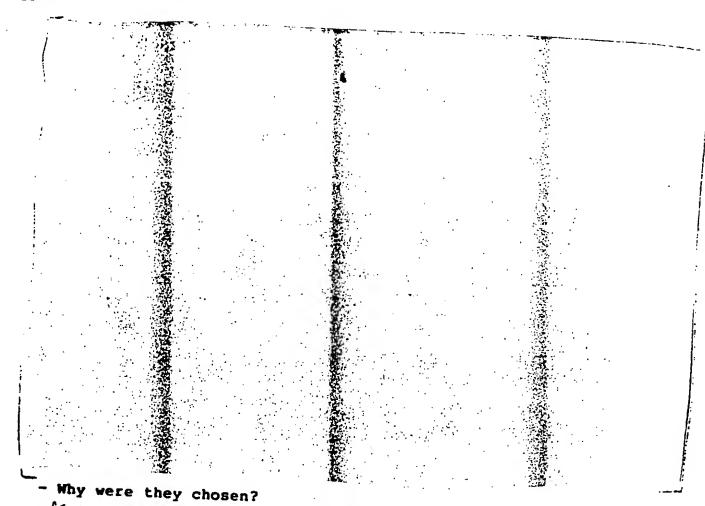
- What specific sources were used in establishing the target list?
- What did we know about occupancy of the targets?



What were the rules of engagement used?





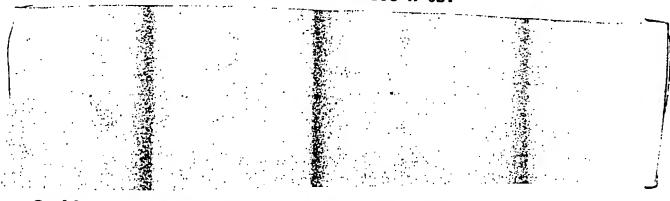


- What was the estimate of their effects?
- (U) ROE were appropriate.
- Q. How was the raid composition chosen?
 - Why were P-111s chosen?
 - (U) Unique capabilities to conduct a long-range, high payload, night, low-level mission delivering precision-guided munitions.

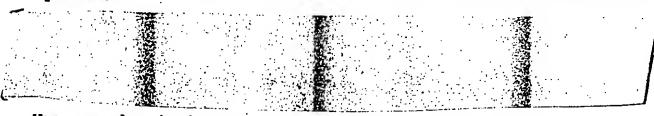




- Who made the choice?
- (U) The President approved recommendation of the CINC/JCS/SecDef.
- Was there any attempt to bring the Air Force in even if not operationally warranted?
- (U) No
- Why not beef up the carriers with more A-6s?



- Could P-111s have been staged anywhere closer?
- (U) Yes, with third country diplomatic clearance. However, this would present another OPSEC problem since a deployment of a force this size would have likely eliminated the element of surprise. This would greatly have increased the risk to striking forces.
- What was the effect of lack of overflight rights on the decision process?

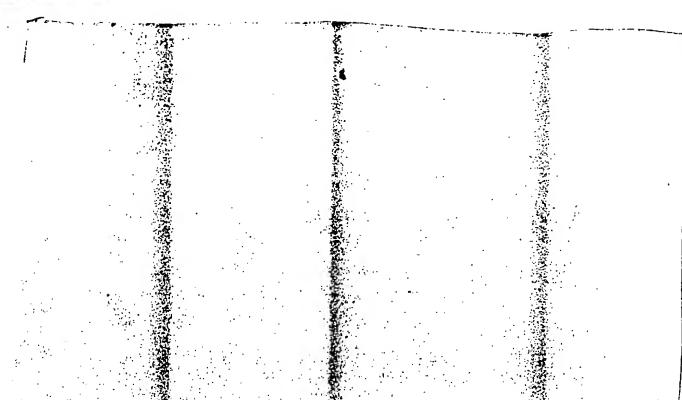


- Was normal unit integrity considered/maintained?
- (8) Yes, the crews were all dedicated formed crews.
- B. Performance.
- Q. In general, did the raid do what it set out to do?

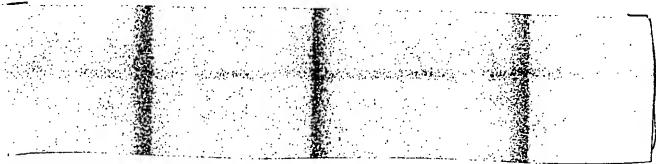
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- What were the specific results of the raid, target by target, as compared with the objectives?





Analyze the reasons for the difference between objectives and results.



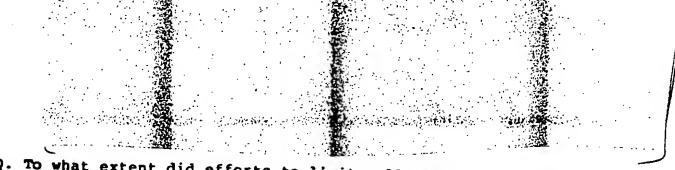
Q. How well did specific systems perform?

- (U) Specific data has not yet been received, but indications are that systems performed well within expected, acceptable limits.
 - Were any extraordinary preparations made for the operation?
 - (U) No.
 - Compare results with specs and normal experience.
- (U) Specific data has not yet been received, but indications are that systems performed well within expected, acceptable limits.





- Q. Why weren't certain planned targets struck?
- Q. Assessment of the efficacy of command arrangements and effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces?
- (U) Outstanding/superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the exact on time TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike-support (ECM, C3CM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces.
- Q. To what extent did the rules of engagement contribute to the results?
- (U) ROE were appropriate and provided the operational latitude to plan and conduct the strike in a tactically sound manner.
 - How much flexibility did the crews have during the actual operation?



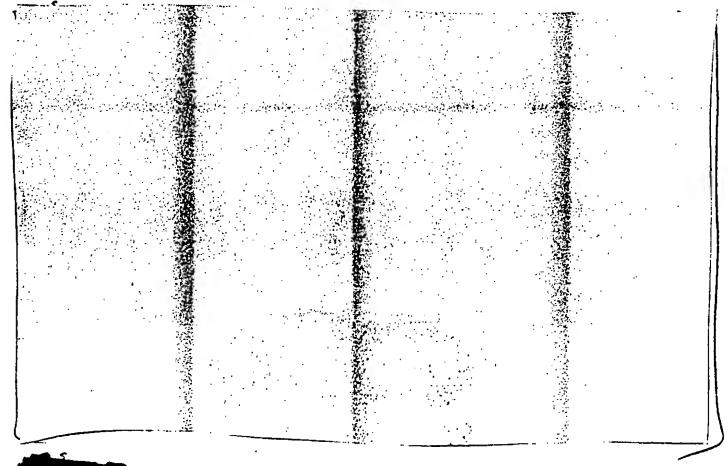
- Q. To what extent did efforts to limit collateral damage affect the outcome?
- (U) The direction to limit collateral damage was only prudent due to the proximity of civilian housing and facilities. This resulted, however, in a more-difficult, more-demanding mission for the aircrews.
 - What was the effect of limitations on aircraft attacks based on systems operability?



- Q. How much unplanned damage actually occurred and why?
- (J) For known BDA see Enclosure.
 - To what extent did Libyan SAMS or other non-US weapons contribute to the damage in Tripoli?

Tripoli to an unknown extent. Evidence to support this view was provided by Libyan and international media television footage showing SA-2 and SA-3 SAM booster rockets (purportedly pieces of downed US aircraft) being pulled from wrecked buildings. The SA-2 booster rocket, for example, is 8.5 feet long, 3 feet in diameter, and weighs approximately 1060 lbs after fuel expenditure. Despite the self-destruct feature found on Soviet SAMs, it is not impossible that one or more of the SAM warheads may actually have exploded on impact, causing even more destruction in the immediate area. Finally, it is noted that falling shrapnel from conventional AAA weapons, many of which were observed active during the night of the raid, may have caused additional casualties and/or damage since AAA rounds will explode on contact with the ground if not fused.

Q. To what extent did sophisticated electronics (jamming, ELINT, COMINT, etc.) contribute to the outcome?

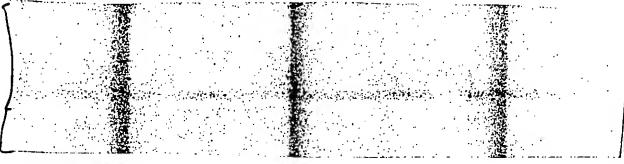




- Were the outputs of various sensors coordinated? To what extent would better coordination have helped the mission?

Q. What was the Libyan response to the raid?

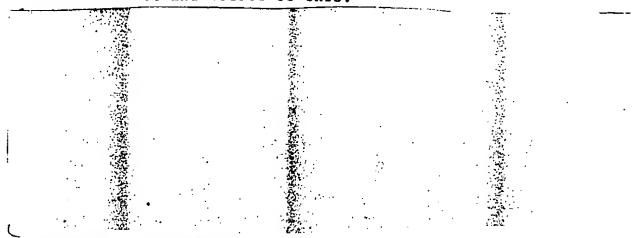
- + (U) Benina Airfield had runway lights on and radio navigation aids operating at the time of attack.
- ECM used on F-111s, A-6s, etc?



- SAMS/AAA fired?



- Q. What does post attack battle damage assessment reveal?
 - SAM sites hit and source of info?



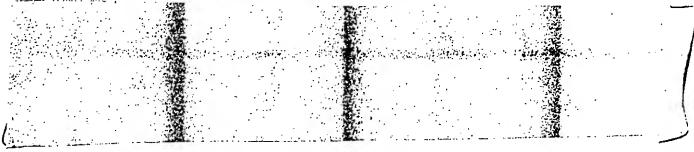
- Actual target damage?

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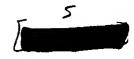
- Sources of information?

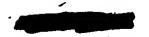
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Q. What deficiencies in intelligence collection and processing show up in the operation?



- C. Lessons learned.
- Q. If considered a success
 - What contributed that should be provided for in the future and why?
 - (U) The joint system works. The iterative JOPS CAS process allowed everyone involved to understand the objectives and plan accordingly. ${\sf C}^3$ was clear and understood resulting in a successful execution.
- Q. At each level in planning/execution, what did you learn?





Q. What would you do different (in hindsight)? Q. What should someone else do different (in hindsight)?

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- (U) Point Paper for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff, for information
- I. (U) SUBJECT. US Naval Presence in the Mediterranean Sea
- II. (PS) MAJOR POINTS. The following time lines are associated with moving the USS ENTERPRISE CVBG from the I.O. to the Mediterranean (as of 101200Z APR 86).
 - A. (25) Current position 21-00N/61-30E-220 Mi.SE of Muscat.

SUEZ DATA (Tab A):

Distance to SUEZ: 2300NM SUEZ to CENTMED: 800NM

Time to SUEZ at 25 kts-92 hrs Arrival time (140800Z)

at 20 kts-115 hrs (150700Z)

at 16 kts-144 hrs (161200Z)

Cumulative time to CENTMED (ALLOWS 8 hrs for Northbound

transit) at 25 kts-132 hrs Arrival time (160000Z)

at 20 kts-163 hrs (170700Z)

at 16 kts-202 hrs (182200Z)

B. CAPE OF GOOD HOPE DATA (Tab B):

Distance to Gibralter: 9800NM Gibralter to CENTMED:1300NM

Time to GIB at 25 kts-392 hrs Arrival time (262000Z)

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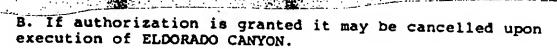
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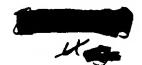
III. (76) Considerations:



C. CINCPAC requested* 2 combatants and a TAO remain in Gulf of Oman if ENTERPRISE directed to the Mediterranean. Recommend USS BAGLEY/USS REASONER (short-leged FFs) remain for Gulf of Oman presence mission.

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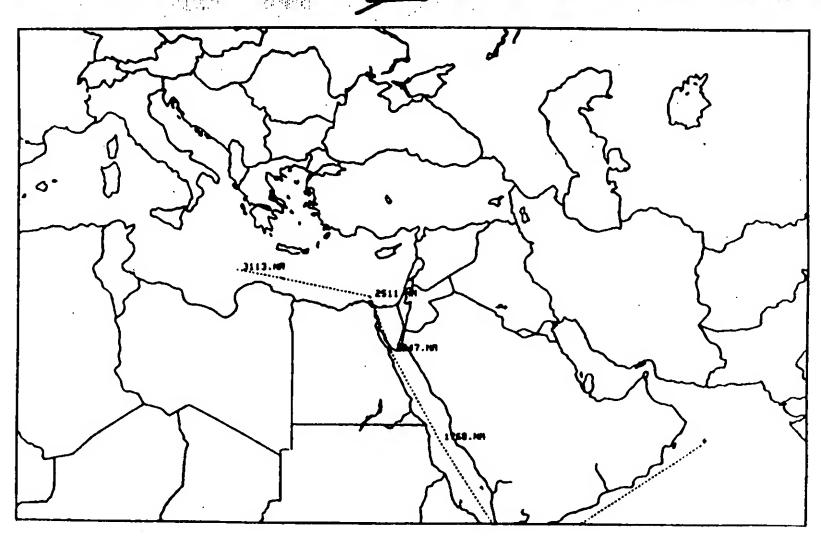
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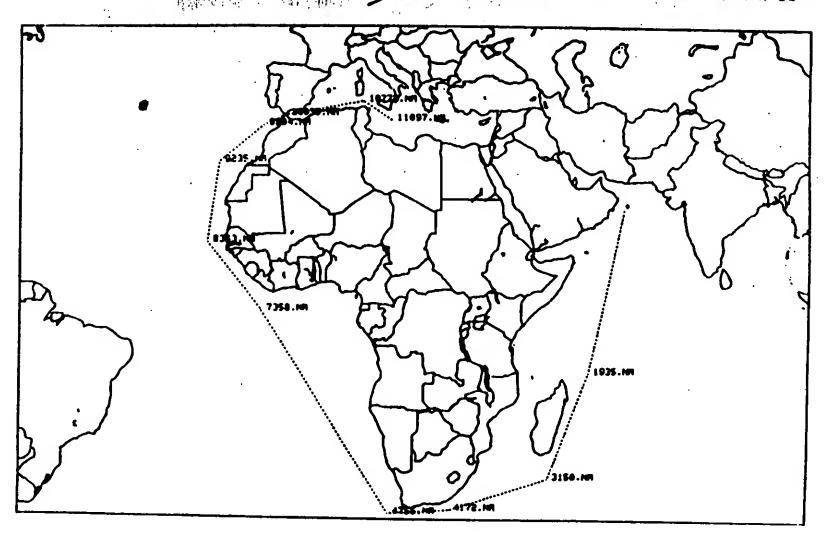
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TAB A--ADPLO Chart for Suez Transit (S)
TAB B--ADPLO Chart for Cape of Good Hope Transit (S)

Reference: * USCINCPAC 070117Z APR 86









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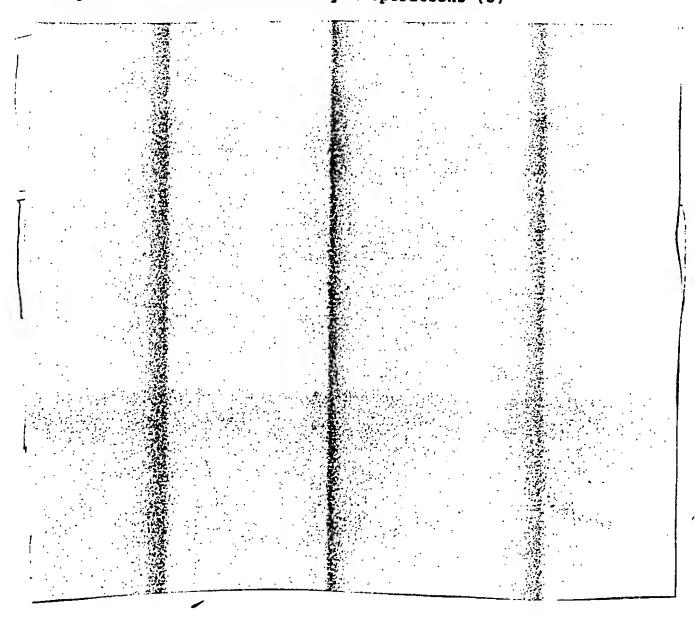
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Subject: Observations on Libyan Operations (U)



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6. (U) The Joint Staff has begun work to remedy the deficiencies outlined in the first paragraph and is reviewing the other areas mentioned above.

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- 2. 45) Options considered include using 1 CVBG, 2 CVBGs, and/or UK-based F-111s.
- 3. (U) Recommend approval and signature of the attached talking paper.

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Talking Paper for the Chairman, Joint Chiefs of Staff for Information

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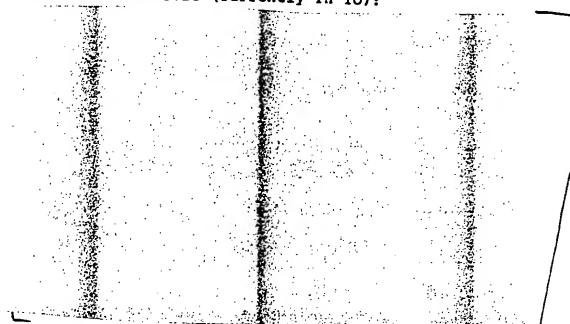


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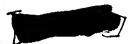


- B. Forces Available:
 - USS AMERICA CVBG:

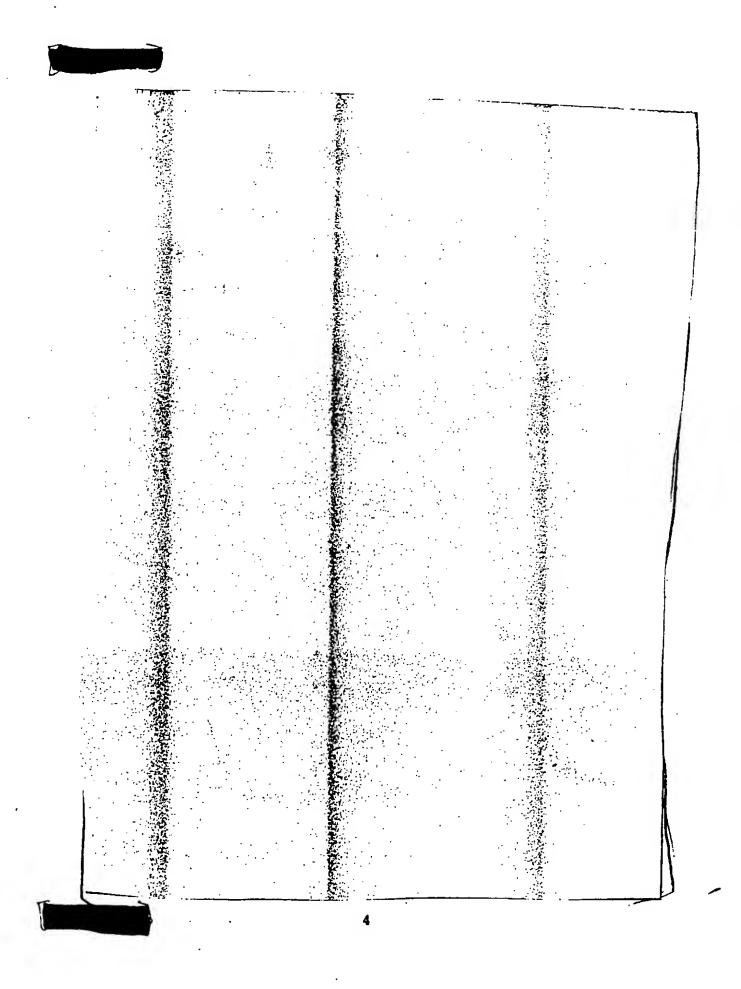
- USS ENTERPRISE CVBG (currently in IO):

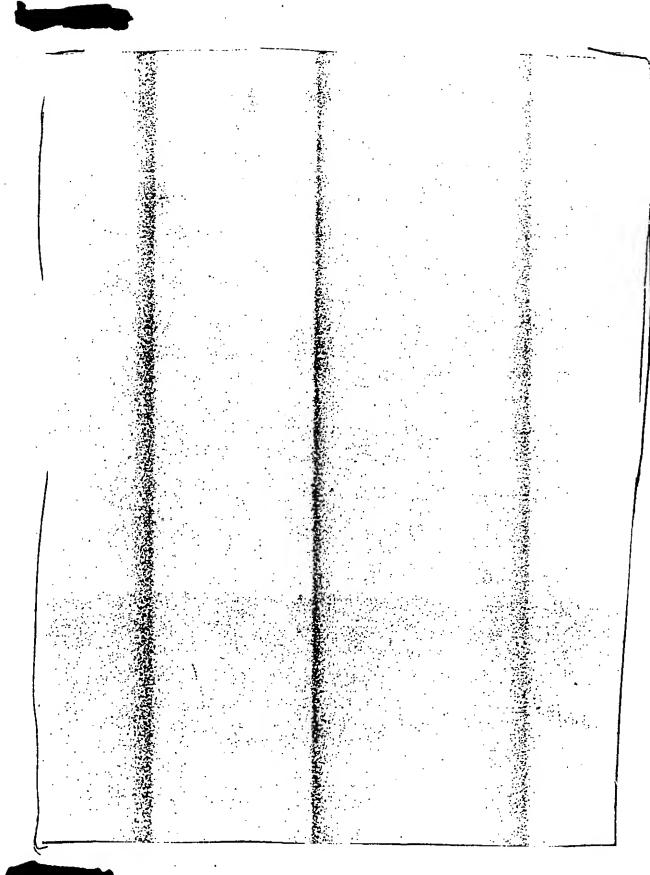


- USS CORAL SEA CVBG (currently in Med, scheduled to outchop 10 April):



C. Strike Options:





D. Notes: APPROVED BY: DIRECTOR, JOINT STAFF Prepared by:

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- (U) Background Paper for the Chairman, JCS
- I. (U) SUBJECT. ELDORADO CANYON Quick Look
- II. (U) MAJOR POINTS. The following information has been provided by USEUCOM concerning ELDORADO CANYON activity as of 151030 EST.

A. IST Air

TARGET: TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRPIELD

TOT TIME: 141906 to 141911 (EST)

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

- Pilots' report.

-- All bombs on target.

-- At least 6 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed

-- Facility damage to be determined.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six F-Ills with BSU-49 each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.

- Five (5) across target.

ABORTS: One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT due to loss of terrain following radar.

TARGET: BENINA AIR PIELD

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Several aircraft damaged

-- 1 F-27 destroyed

-- 1 FLOGGER destroyed

-- 1 probable FLOGGER destroyed

-- 20 bomb craters on apron

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Eight A-6Es departed from CORAL SEA at 141750 EST.

- Six (6) on target. - Five aircraft with CBUs and one with MK-82s.

ABORTS: Two aircraft abort, cause unknown.

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TARGET: AZIZIYAH: BARRACKS TRIPOLI

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Heavy roof and front of building damage

- 6 (at least) craters in the area

- Building across from French Embassy damaged, but no observable damage to the French Embassy.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Nine F-111s with GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- Five aircraft over target.
- Three aircraft on target/one aircraft dropped long (vicinity French Embassy).
- Missing F-111 from this strike.

ABORTS:

- Four aborts total.
 - -- Two aborts due to systems degrade.
 - -- One abort before last refueling.
 - -- One abort after last refueling.

TARGET: BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

TOT TIME: 141900

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Large storage building destroyed.
- Some FLOGGER shipping crates destroyed.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six A-6Es with MK-82s each launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.



TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

TOT TIME: 141905

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Preliminary

- 3 buildings damaged at Sidi Bilal (naval academy).

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Three F-Ills with GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.

- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.

- B. (8) Total USAF a/c from UK: 24 F-111s, 5 EF-111s, 19 tankers.
- C. 187 HARM/SHRIKE Employment

BENINA TGTS TRIPOLI TGTS TOTAL

SHRIKE: D. 16 Recovery:

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- 150310 F-111s/EF-111s and tankers on deck in UK.
- E. 15 Search and Rescue (SAR)



F. (8) Reconnaissance:

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TARGET: TRIPOLI MILITARY AIRPIELD

TOT TIME: 141906 to 141911 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

- Pilots' report.

-- All bombs on target.

-- At least 3 to 5 probable IL-76 aircraft destroyed

-- Facility damage to be determined.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six F-llls with BSU-49 each departed RAF Lakenheath at

141236 EST.

- Five (5) across target.

ABORTS: One (1) aircraft aborted prior to TOT due to loss of terrain following radar.

TARGET: BENINA AIR PIELD

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Several aircraft damaged
 - -- 1 F-27 destroyed
 - -- 1 FLOGGER destroyed
 - -- 5 probable FLOGGERs destroyed
 - -- 20 bomb craters on apron
 - -- 2 MI-14 helos destroyed
 - -- 1 MI-14 helo possibly destroyed
 - -- Numerous buildings with small holes in sides and roof
 - -- 12 "burn marks" may indicate that 12 additional FLOGGERs were destroyed and have been removed by 2 pieces of heavy lift equipment.

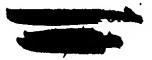
STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Eight A-6Es departed from CORAL SEA at 141750 EST.
- Six (6) on target.
- Five aircraft with CBUs and one with MK-82s.

ABORTS: Two aircraft abort, cause unknown.

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TARGET: AZIZIYAH BARRACKS TRIPOLI

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Heavy roof and front of building damage
- Qadhafi's tent collapsed
- 6 (at least) craters in the area
- Building across from French Embassy damaged, but no observable damage to the French Embassy.
- Battalion headquarters damaged.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Nine F-111s with GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- Five aircraft over target.
- -- Three aircraft on target.
- -- One aircraft dropped long.
- -- Missing F-111 from this strike.

ABORTS:

- Four aborts total.
 - -- Two aborts due to systems degrade.
 - -- One abort before last refueling.
 - -- One abort after last refueling.

TARGET: BENGHAZI MILITARY BARRACKS (JAMAHIRIYAH)

TOT TIME: 141900 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT:

Preliminary

- Large storage building destroyed.
- Some FLOGGER shipping crates destroyed.

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Six A-6Es with MK-82s each launched from USS AMERICA at 141745 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.



TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP

TOT TIME: 141905 EST

DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Preliminary

- 3 buildings damaged at Sidi Bilal (naval academy).

STRIKE INFORMATION:

- Three F-111s with GBU-10s each departed RAF Lakenheath at 141236 EST.
- All aircraft on target.

ABORTS: None.

- B. 187 Total USAF a/c from UK: 24 F-111s, 5 EF-111s, 19 tankers.
- C. (8) HARM/SHRIKE Employment

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D. (8) Recovery:

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- E. 187 Search and Rescue (SAR)
 - SAR terminated after sunset 15 April.

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- 151300 EST Sixth Fleet positioning forces to protect Lampedusa Island south of Sicily and conduct evacuation of 30 USCG personnel if required in response to two rockets impacting in the water vicinity of the US Coast Guard station reported at 151034 EST.

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Introduction

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Good morning. I am

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We were

both deeply involved in planning, execution and follow up to the US strikes against Libya on 15 April 1986 - Operation ELDORADO CANYON.

<u>Purpose</u>

This briefing responds to the request on 24 April by the Chairman and the ranking Minority member of the House Armed Services Committee for a report (by 15 May) on the preparations for and conduct of the operation. Both Adm Crowe and Secretary Weinberger have reviewed and approved this briefing. You are reminded that it is TOP SECRET.

Overview

This briefing covers Operation ELDORADO CANYON including background, concept, execution and results.

Background

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By way of background I will quickly review events and planning which preceded the 5 April bumbing attack at the Labelle Disco in Berlin which resulted in two dead including SGT Ford and 230 injured including 64





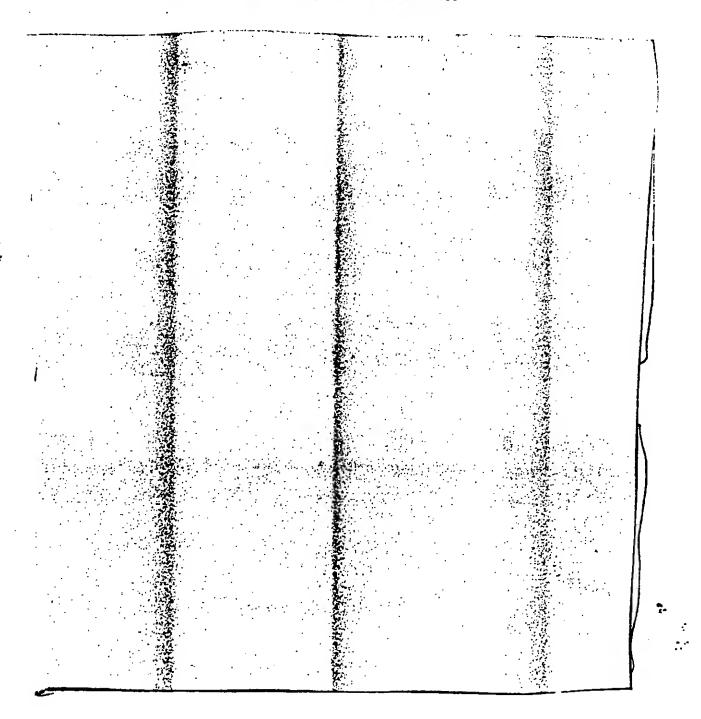
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Americans. Planning for Libyan contingencies began in 1980. JCS and USCINCEUR were the principal responsible organizations. As a result of a clear Libyan threat to US forces. USCINCEUR was first directed to plan for the protection of US forces from Libyan attack and retaliatory strikes aginst Libya in August of 1980. This tasking was later recodified in tasking documents in 1983. The specific targeting and force packaging which resulted in the April 15 strikes began on December 28, 1985 following early indications that Libya was behind the terrorist attacks at Rome and Vienna airports. As a consequence, by 5 April numerous contingency plans were on the shelf and they served as a point of departure for developing the detailed strike plans against specific targets.

From January to March, while contingency planning was underway, we conducted a series of operations inside the Tripoli FIR. Then from 23 to 27 March we conducted Freedom of Navigation operations below the 32030' "Line of Death". Libyan hostile reaction to these operations resulted in the sinking of two Libyan patrol craft and attacks on SAM site; at Sirte. The FIR and 201 OPS also enabled us to exercise our Command and Control systems and liaison so that by 14 April we were confident that we could handle the very demanding joint operation which followed. Throughout this period the JCS/EUCOM interface was excellent at all levels. This

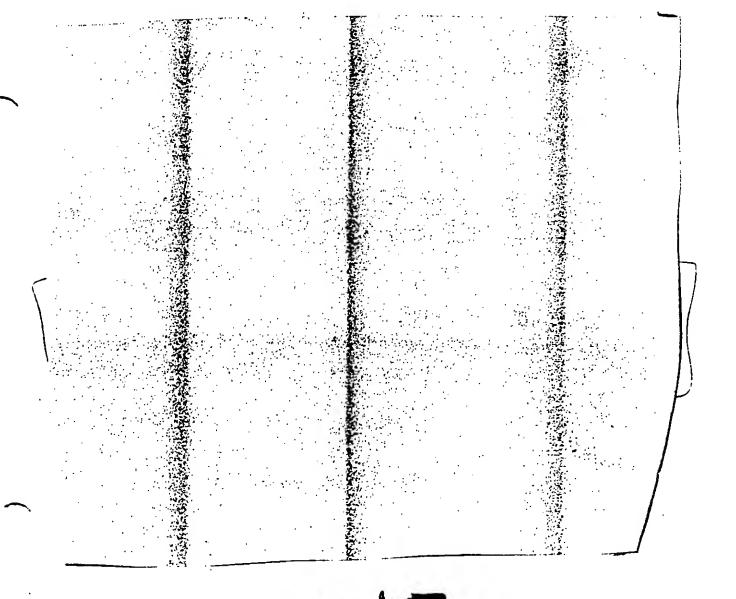


included face-to-face liaison at staff and command levels, including discussions between SecDef and Adm Crowe with VADN Kelso, COMSIXTHFLT; Adm Moreau, CINCUSNAVEUR; Gen Lawson, DCINCEUR; and Gen Rogers, CINCEUR. I will return to detailed planning in a few minutes.





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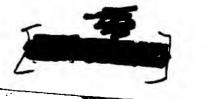






Decision to Strike

following the Labelle Disco bombing and the clear evidence that Libya directed it, the President directed an attack against Libya's terrorist infrastructure. It was intended primarily to preempt or disrupt further Libyan operations abroad. Additionally it would signal to Libya that state-sponsored terrorism carries a high cost, would weaken Libyan conventional power projection, and encourage those opposed to the policies of the Qadhafi regime. This guidance, the objectives, and direction given to SecDef/JCS were passed to CINCEUR and his components. From this, USCINCEUR and the executing forces develying feasible military options to support the mission. These plans (options) were reviewed, modified, and revised at successive levels of command through JCS to the Secretary and the President.



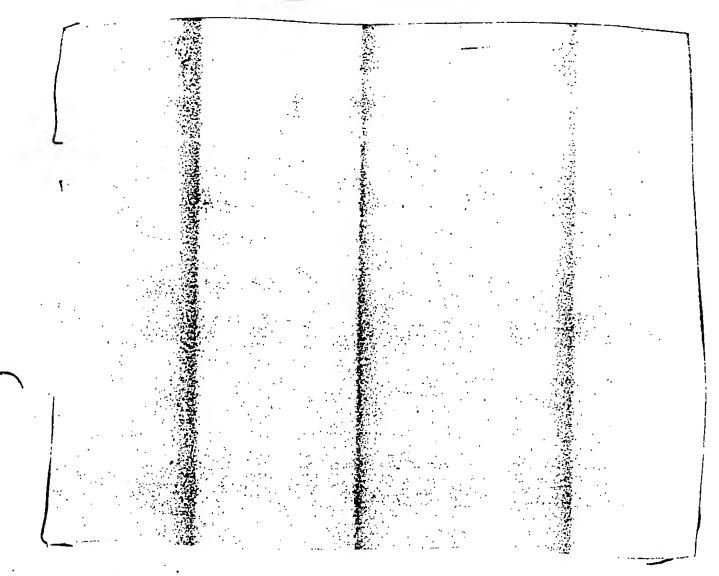


As you can see the interaction between the military and civilian leadership was continuous. At each level great care was taken to provide clear, unambiguous guidance without micro-managing commanders in the field. The chain of command was never bypassed.

<u>Mission</u>

· Concept of Operations





Command and Control

The chain of command throughout Operation ELDORADO CANYON was from the Secretary of Defense through the JCS to USCINCEUR to Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations. For streamlined C3, USCINCEUR designated COMSIXTHFLT as the officer in tactical command (OTC) and Commander, Central Mediterranean Operations (COMCENTMEDOPS), to coordinate detailed joint planning/deconflictionefforts, to integrate other command/agency assets into

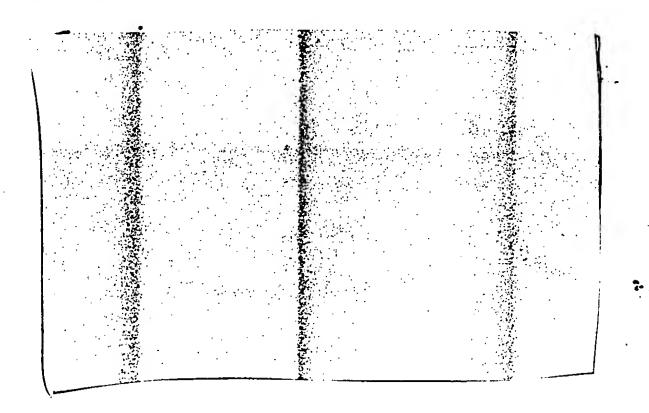




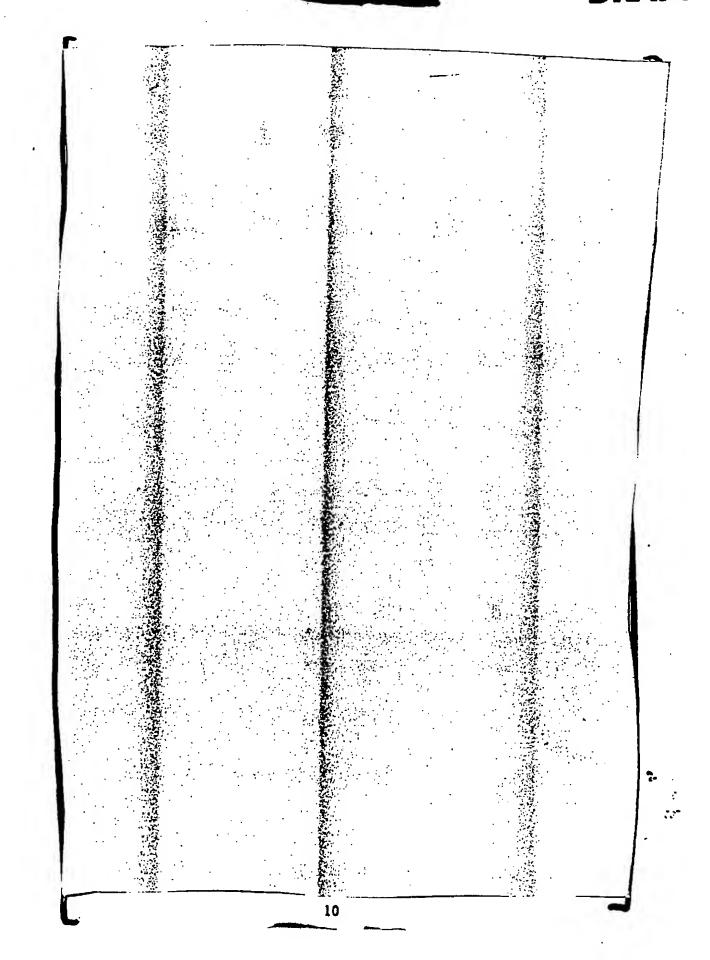
the tactical operations area, and to conduct this operation. USCINCEUR delineated the area of the CENTMED in which COMCENTMED had this authority. The EUCOM components, as the forces which would execute the strike. developed the primary, detailed plans. Further to enhance Air Force/Navy coordination, liaison officers were exchanged among the planning locations in addition to the coordination inherent in the unified staff at H2 USEUCOM.

Rules of Engagement

The following special rules of engagement for operation ELDORADO CANYON were approved. These rules are in addition to peacetime rules of engagement and those previously approved for operation ATTAIN DOCUMENT (Gulf of Sidra operations):



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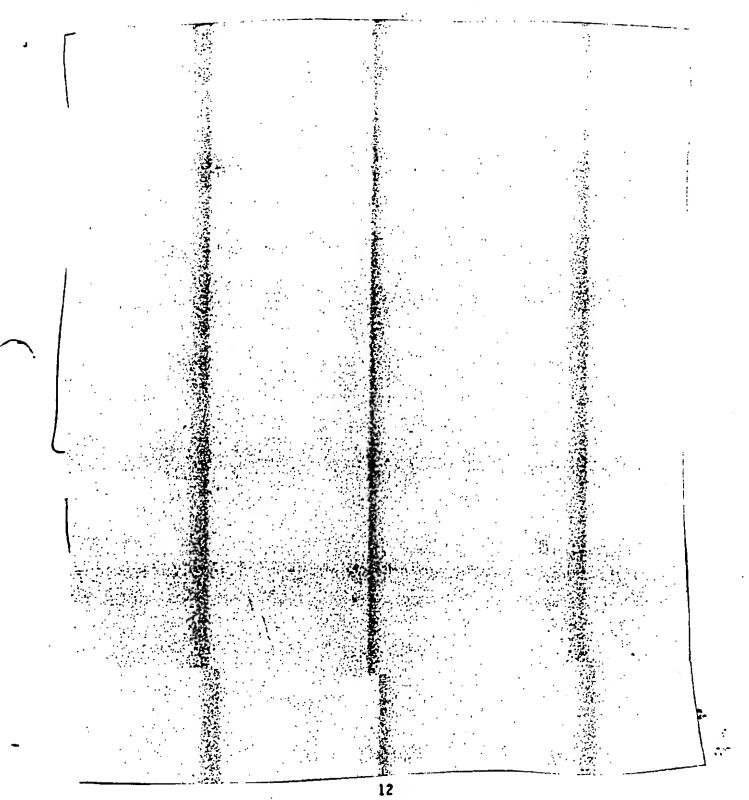




- Minimize collateral damage. Make every reasonable attempt to limit damage to other than designated military targets.
- ROE were chosen because through the iterative planning process.

 USCINCEUR had requested ROE that he considered necessary to conduct the mission. These recommendations were reviewed and modified throughout the planning process and finally approved by the SecJef and the President.
- We believe the ROE were appropriate.

Execution

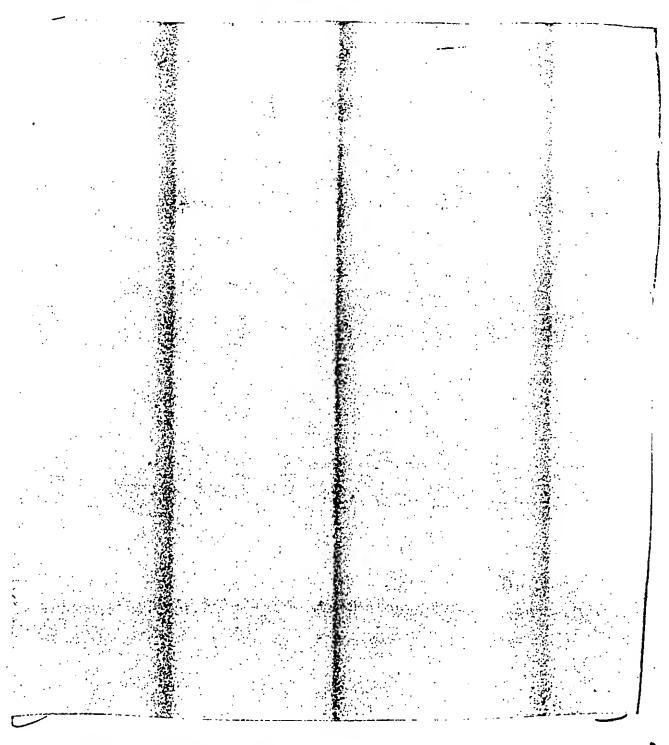


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The Libyan response from the Benina Airfield was relatively light.

There were surface-to-air missiles fired, but the aircrews on that strike easily avoided the surface-to-air missiles. However, against the Benghazi

Barracks and alternate Headquarters, the anti-aircraft fire and surface-toair missile fire was very intense. Against the Sidi Bilal Terrorist Facility, the Libyan response was fairly light. Against Aziziyah Barracks and Headquarters, the Libyan response was very heavy. Additionally, flares were fired into the air; apparently an attempt by the Libyans to illuminate the sky to aid their anti-aircraft fire. Against the Tripoli Military Airport, they had light to moderate AAA and surface-to-air missile response. Of the aircraft that aborted on the western side, there were three aircraft that aborted prior to the strike against Aziziyah Barracks. One was due to an engine hot light and that aircraft later landed at Rota and was repaired and proceeded on back to Great Britain. One had an engine instrument failure; one had an afterburner failure and was not able to complete the strike. Additionally, over that target, one had a generator failure. Against the Tripoli Military Airport, one aircraft aborted with failure of his terrain-following radar. Against Benina Air Base, one A-Graborted in were one with DECI - relieve and the air. The reason for the two A-6 aborts at Benina is-unknown: Bilal and Benghazi Barracks, all aircraft that were scheduled made their strikes. Additionally, over the Aziziyah Barracks, there was one F-111 T-17 did not return. Whether he dropped his bombs on the target or not is not clearly known, and he apparently went down off the coast about four miles

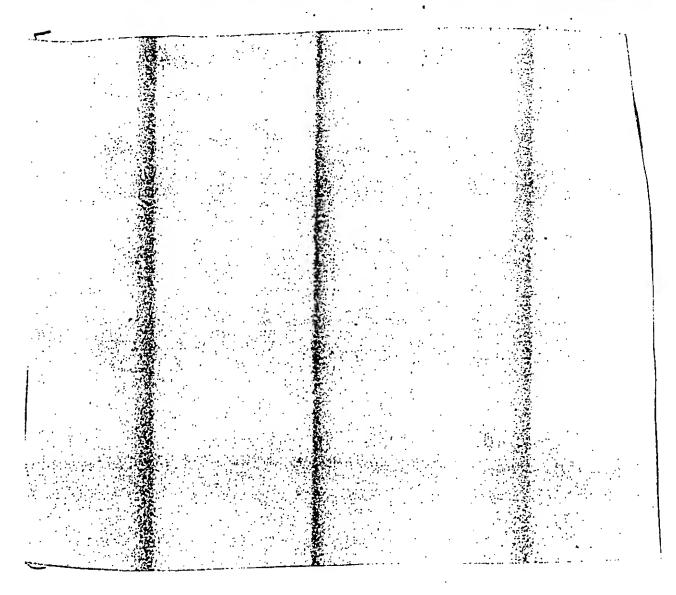
north of Tripoli.



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<u>Performance</u>

The raid accomplished the overall assigned mission. Target results are based on a comparison of target damage as compared to the instructions given in the EXECUTE ORDER, including the desired targets and the no-strike areas.



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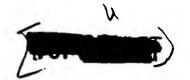
The reasons for the difference between objectives and results vary but our review suggests the following factors combined to produce a very demanding, "busy cockpit" mission:

- Sophisticated, integrated, high threat environment.
- Long flights prior to target.
- Heavy AAA and numerous SAM firings.
- Conservative interpretation of national guidance (all weapon systems fully operational) complicated mission tactics beyond the level normally encountered in combat or combat training.

Specific systems performed well within expected acceptable limits. No extraordinary preparations were made for the operation. Contingency plans had been made for additional targets but they were not selected for this mission.

The efficacy of command arrangements and effectiveness/coordination of the Air Force and Naval forces is assessed as superb. Perhaps the most telling fact is the <u>exact on time</u> TOT by forces based 3000 miles apart. A very complex joint strike plan successfully integrated strike and strike-support (ECM, C3CM, EW, CAP, SAR) air and naval forces. ROE were appropriate and provided the operational latitude to plan and conduct the strike in a tactically sound manner.

The aircrews, as the primary strike planners, were given the flexibility to develop attack plans and force packages. Each target area had several desired target elements (aim points). The selection of aim points and





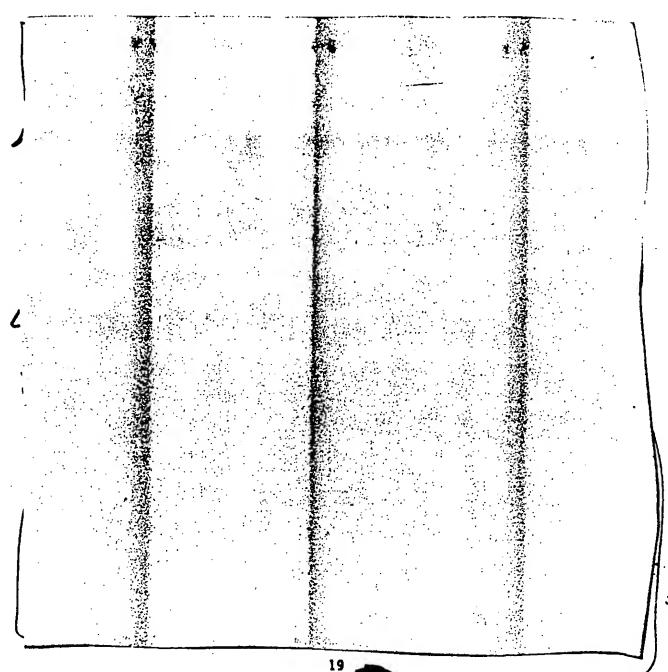
munitions was left to the crews attacking that target area. While the direction to limit collateral damage and minimize the risk to the aircrews may seem to have reduced flexibility on the target run (no alternate targets), it was the complexity of five simultaneous attacks which demanded the carefully orchestrated run-ins and attack axes.

The direction to limit collateral damage resulted in a more-difficult, moredemanding mission for the aircrews. Command elements of the executing forces interpreted the direction to limit collateral damage very conservatively. This led to requirements of redundancy in operating weapon delivery systems not specifically required by ROE or national-level guidance. Specifically, all delivery systems had to be fully operational to attack a target; additionally, there were not alternate targets to attack in case of minor system degrade in only one delivery system. The loss of systems, therefore, simply reduced the number of weapons to be delivered on the targets. There was some unplanned damage. It occurred because, as expected, not every munition dropped by our aircraft hit precisely on the intended target. In short, we missed a few. Additionally, Libyan SAMs are other non-US weapons caused damage in Tripoli to an unknown extent. Evidence to support this view was provided by Libyan and international media television footage showing SA-2 and SA-3 SAM booster rockets (purportedly pieces of downed US aircraft) being pulled from wrecked buildings. The S4-2 booster rocket, for example, is 8.5 feet long, 3 feet in diameter, and weighs approximately 1060 lbs after fuel expenditure. Despite the selfdestruct feature found on Soviet SAMs, it is not impossible that one or total of the SAM warheads may actually have exploded on impact, causing even more

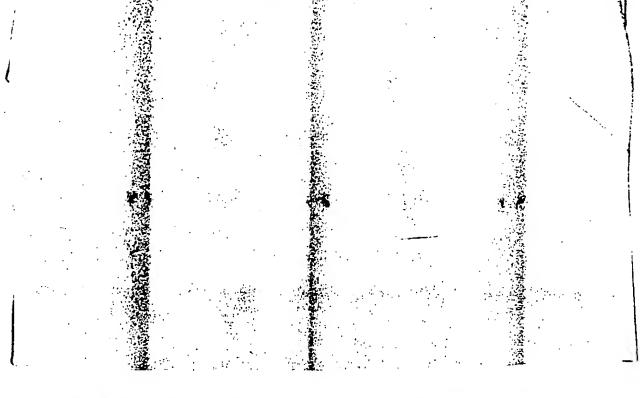


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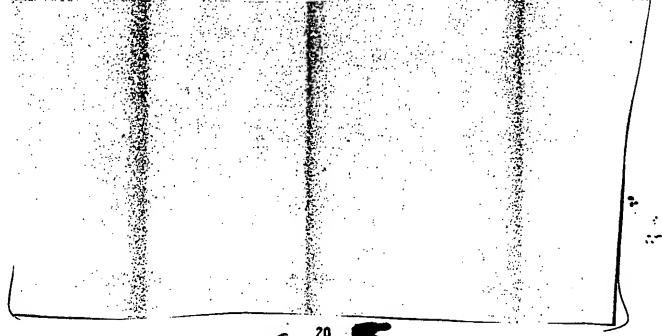
destruction in the immediate area. Finally, it is noted that falling shrapnel from conventional AAA weapons, many of which were observed active during the night of the raid, may have caused additional casualties and/or damage since AAA rounds will explode on contact with the ground if not fused.

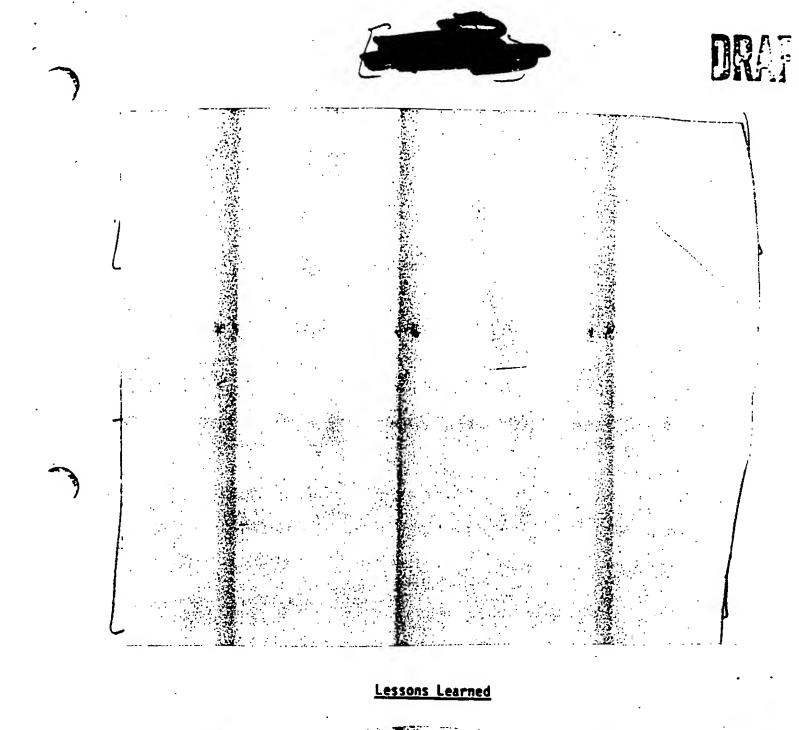


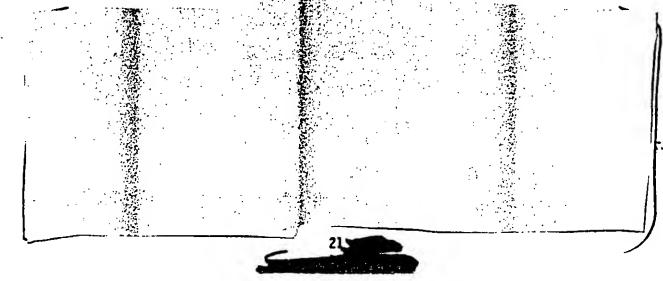




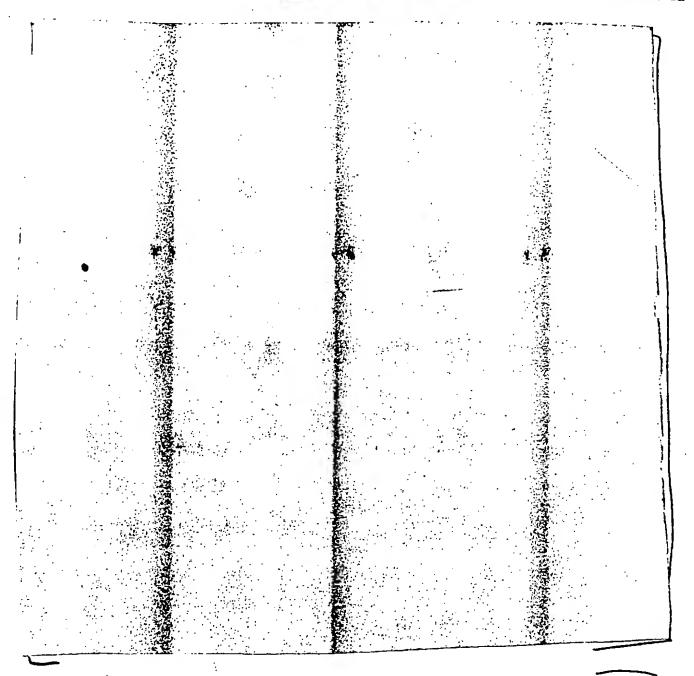
The Libyan air defense system was surprised. A great deal of confusion was noted. Benina Airfield had runway lights on and radio navigation aids operating at the time of attack.







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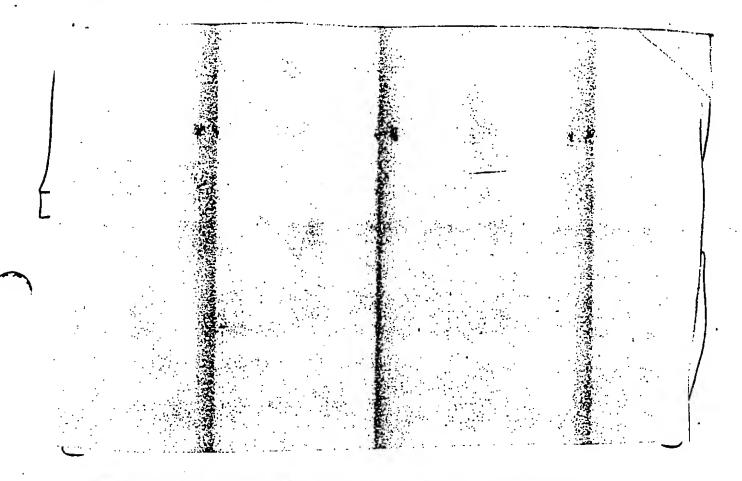
The joint planning and operations system worked well. The iterative process allowed everyone involved to understand the objectives and plan accordingly. C3 was clear and understood resulting in a successful execution.

Additionally we confirmed that our sophisticated equipment works. Without that sophistication this mission was simply undoable. No other mation on corth-could have done is.

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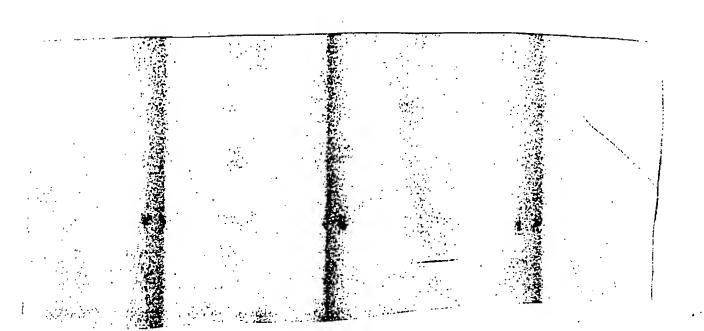


The mission was accomplished despite the most severe political constraints against very tough targets.



Communications planning was thorough and complete. As a result, communications support was not a limiting factor for the operation.







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2. (U) MAJOR POINTS. THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED BY
                                                                                      - SIX (8) A-66.2 MILM A
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                                                                                      AMERICA AT 141745 EST
    USEUCON CONCERNS. ELOCARDO CAMON ACTIVITY AS OF 151800 EST.
                                                                                      . ALL ATROPAST ON TARGET.
     . A. LOT AIR:
                                                                                 ABORTS: NOME.
    TRUSTE TRIPOLI WILLIAMY ATRETELD
                                                                                 TARGET: SIDI BILAL TERRORIST TRAINING CAMP
TOT TIME: 141905 EST
    "ST. TIME: 141906 TO 141911 EST
    THACE ASSESSMENT:
                                                                                  DAMAGE ASSESSMENT
        . PILOTS' REPORT.
                                                                                     PREL INTHARY
           -- ALL BONES ON TARGET
                                                                                        - THREE (3) BUILDINGS DAMAGED AT SIDE BELAL (MAYAL A.
           -- AT LEAST 3 TO 5 PROBABLE IL-76 AIRCRAFT DESTROYED
                                                                                 STRICE INFORMATION:
           -- FACILITY DAMAGE TO BE DETERMINED.
                                                                                     - THREE (3) F-111'S WITH
   STRICE INCOMATION:
                                                                                                                        GOU-10'S EACH DEPARTED
                                                                                     LACEMEATH AT 141238 EST
        - SIR (6) F-111'S WITH
                                      85U-49 EACH DEPARTED RAF
                                                                                      - ALL AIRCRAFT ON TARGET.
        AREMMENTM AT 141236 EST.
                                                                                 ABORTS: NONE.
        - FIVE (5) ACRESS TARGET.
                                                                                 EA B. LOT TOTAL USAF A/C FROM UE: THENTY-FOUR (24) F-111":
            THE ILL AIRCRAFT ABORTED PRIOR TO TOT DUE TO LOSS OF
    ARCHTS:
                                                                                 (5) EF-111'S. RINETEEN (19) TANKERS.
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 CAMAGE ASSESSMENT:
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NEW DOE! THINKS
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                                                                                        - ONE F-131 DIVERTED TO ROTA, SP DUE TO RECHARICAL PL.
                                                                                       ESCORTED BY A SECOND F-111. THE ESCORT REJUINED THE :
                                                                                       AND RETURNED TO HOME BASE. THE DIVERT AIRCRAFT IS IN
                                                                                       AMAITIMS REPAIR.
                                                                                       - 150310 F-111'3/EF-111'S AND TARKERS ON DECK IN UK.
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STRIBE INFORMATION:
    - EIGHT (8) A-6E'S DEPARTED FROM CORAL SEA AT 141750 EST.
      - SIE (8) ON TANGET.
   - FIVE (5) AIRCRAFT WITH COU'S AND ONE WITH
  "ARGET: AZIZIYAH BARPACES TRIPOL!
 COT TIME: 14190G EST
      PRELIMINARY
                                                                                    H. (U) WEATHER: 18-17 APRIL. PARTLY CLOUDY TO CLEAR OV:
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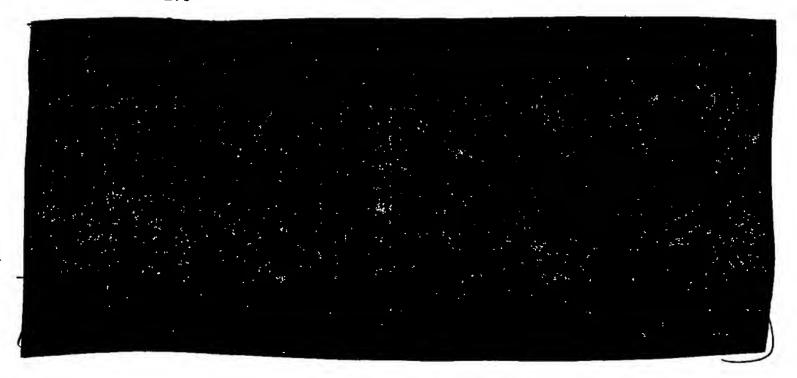
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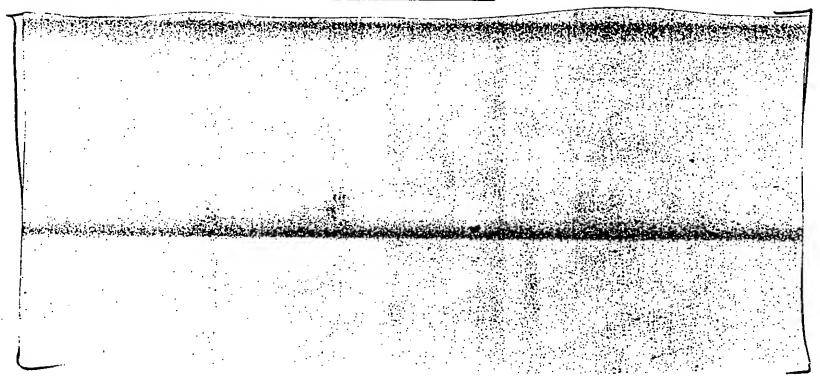
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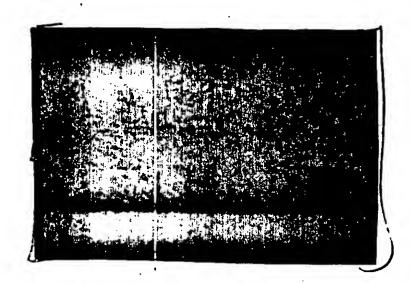
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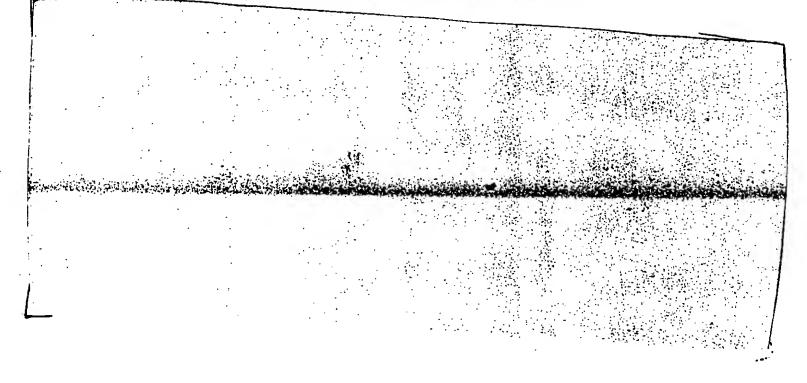
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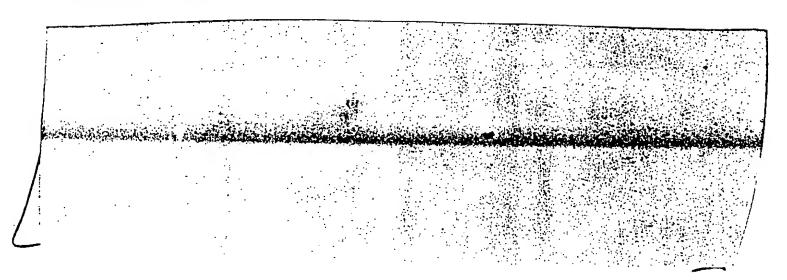




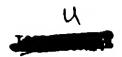


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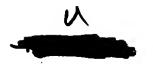




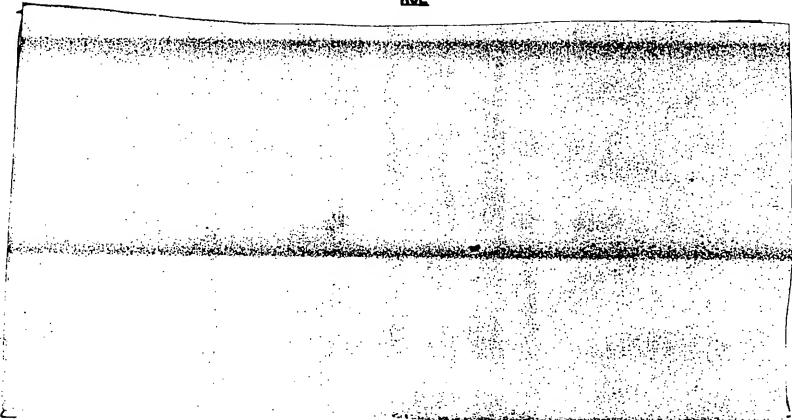


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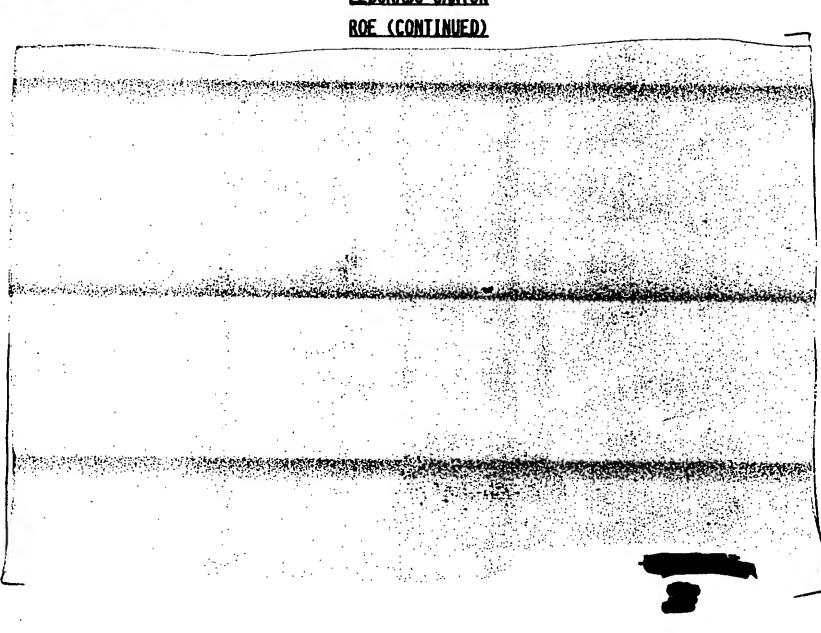






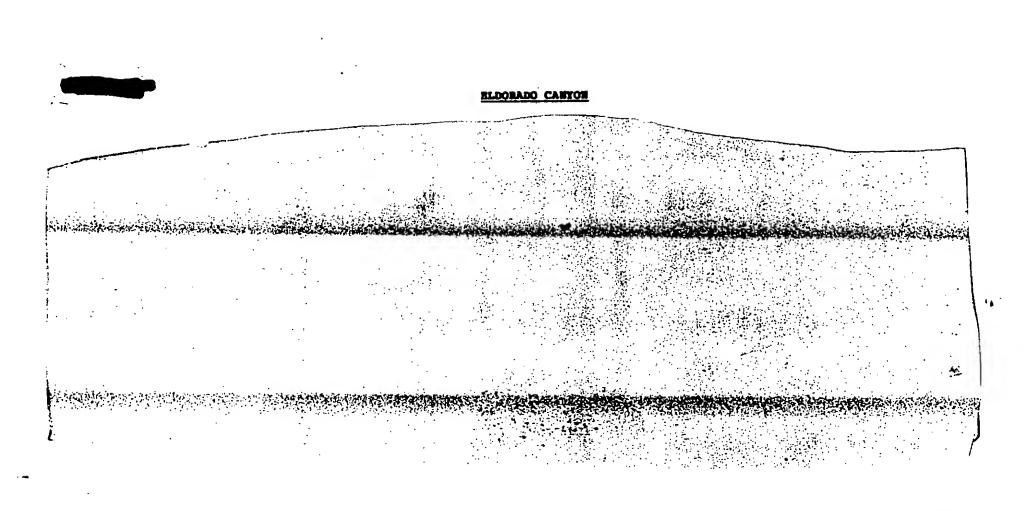






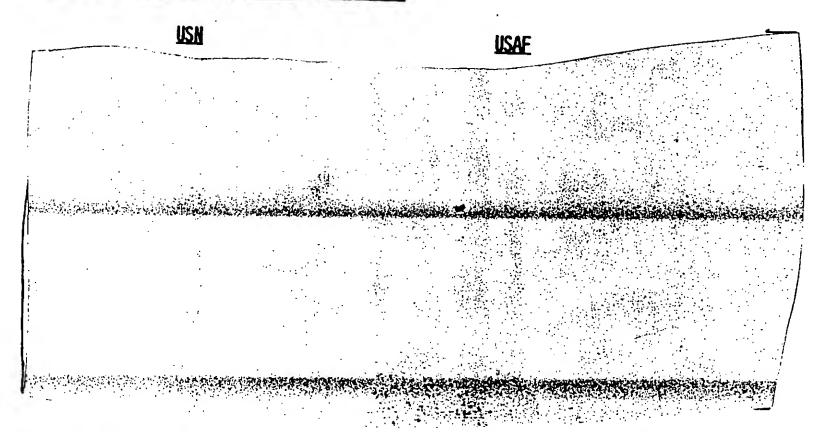
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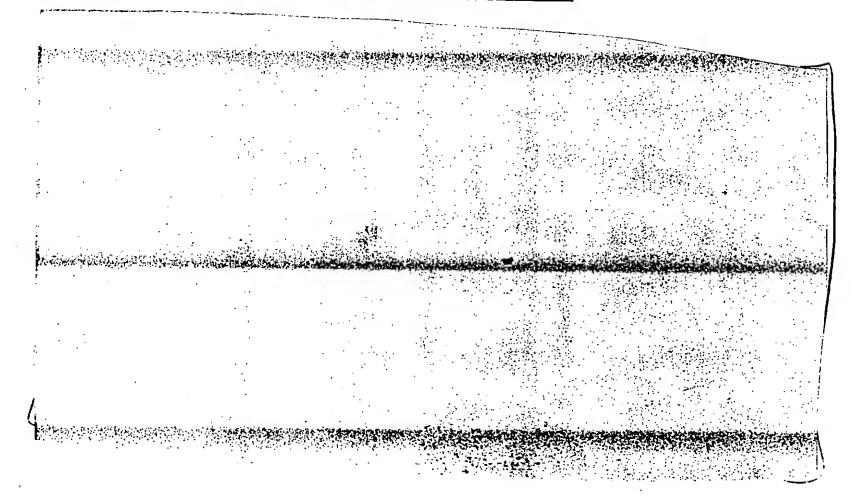
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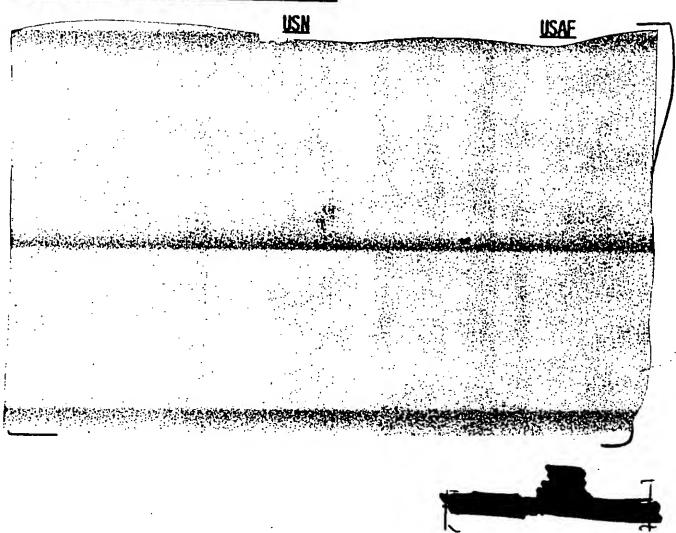


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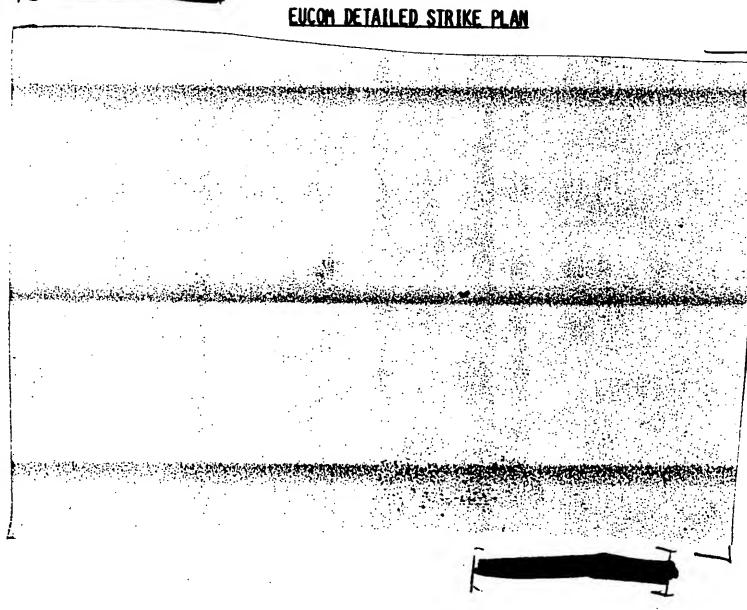


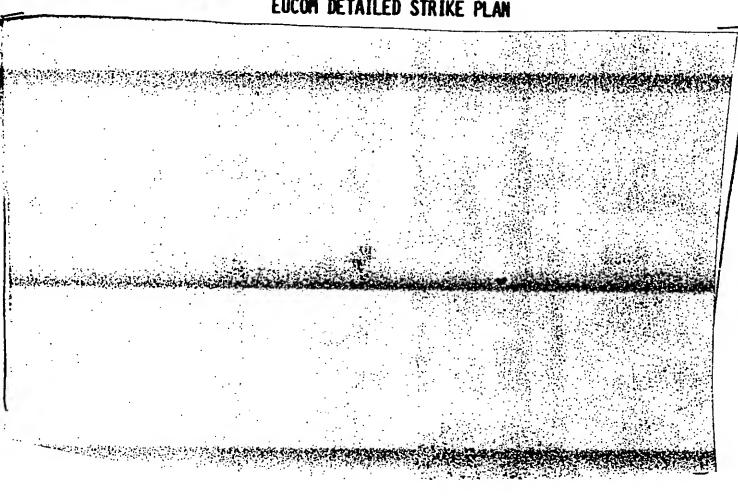


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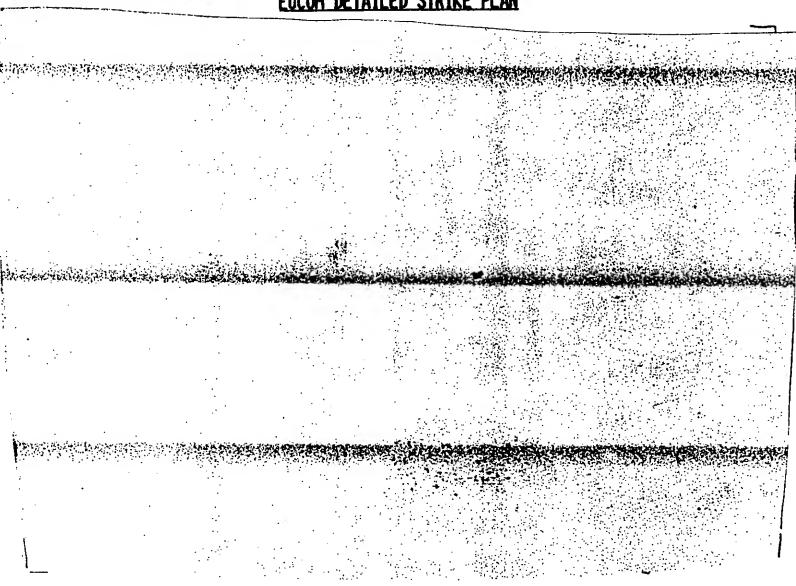




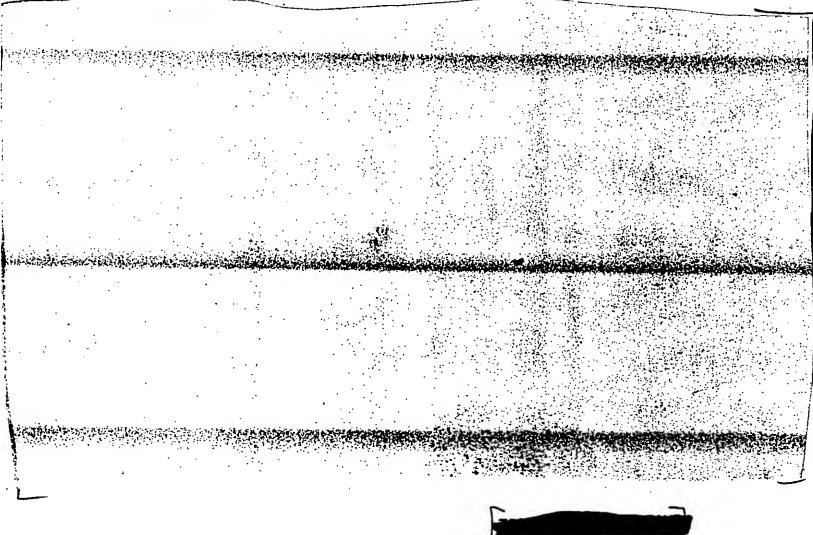














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